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STRANGEST CASE THAT EVER CAME BEFORE A COURT

P.R. Das On Absence Of Record Of What Jain Told Morarji Desai

"INVESTIGATION DID NOT START AFTER GANDHIJI WAS MURDERED"

RED FORT, DELHI, DEC. 20. (A.P.I.): AT THE RESUMED HEARING OF THE GANDHI MURDER CASE MR. P. R. DAS, COUNSEL FOR V. D. SAVARKAR, CONTINUED HIS ARGUMENTS IN THE COURT OF MR. ATMA CHARAN, SPECIAL JUDGE.

Mr. Das referred to the meeting of the accused in room number 40 of Marina Hotel on the afternoon of January 20 and said that according to the approver a precise agreement for the murder of Mahatma Gandhi that evening took place there. It was not necessary to prove that by circumstancial evidence as there was the actual evidence. The approver had stated that Apte disclosed him the conspiracy in the compound of Dixit Maharaj on January 15. That conspiracy was to kill Mahatma Gandhi in Delhi on January 20. The approver had also stated that when they met in the Marina Hotel on the afternoon of January 20 Nathuram Godse told him: "Badge this is our last attempt. See that the work must be accomplished". The approver had further stated that Madanlal and Karkare left the place for Birla House. Apte, Gopal, Shanker and himself (approver) left 15 or 20 minutes later. And when they left the place Nathuram had told them that he would follow them 15 or 20 minutes later. Mr. Das pointed out that according to the approver, work was assigned to each and every conspirator. Clothes were changed and names were assumed to kill Mahatma Gandhi that very evening but there was no corroboration of this part of the evidence of the approver. If the events had happened as were decided by them then there would have been corroboration by those events. But nothing happened and no one suggested that there was another conspiracy. There was also no suggestion that the conspiracy was continued till Mahatma Gandhi was murdered on January 30. The murder of Mahatma Gandhi was an act of an individual.

SULOCHANA'S EVIDENCE

Mr. Das then recalled the evidence of four Birla House witnesses, namely Mrs. Sulochana, Chotturam, Bhursingh and Surjitsingh who had testified the presence of Nathuram Godse at Birla House on the evening of January 20 and said that the defence case was that Nathuram did not go to Birla House at all on January 20. If it was established that he did not go there then the whole conspiracy fell down. According to the Approver when he (Approver), Apte, Gopal and Shanker left, Nathuram was still in the Marina Hotel but Nathuram in his statement had said that he did not go to the prayer meeting at all on January 20. Mrs. Sulochana, Chhoturam, Bursingh and Surjitsingh had identified Nathuram Godse as the person whom they had seen at Birla House on the evening of January 20. Mrs. Sulochana had identified Nathuram Godse as the person who had come to Birla House in the taxi, along with Apte and Badge. She had further stated that she had seen him talking to Madanlal. This was neither Approver's evidence, nor taxi-driver's evidence, Mr. Das pointed out. Therefore, he would request the court to discard the evidence of Mrs. Sulochana.

MORE DISCREPANCIES

Mr. Das added that next witness was Chhoturam, who had identified Nathuram and Apte as the persons whom he had seen strolling in front of the servants' quarters. He had not said in his evidence that he saw Nathuram alighting from the car but he had told the police that he saw Nathuram and Madanlal alighting from the car. While identifying Nathuram Godse at the identification parade, held by Lala Kishanchand, First Class Magistrate, Chhoturam had said that he was the person, whom he had seen alighting from the car. He would, therefore, submit that the court should not believe the evidence of Chhoturam.

Witness Bhursingh undoubtedly had identified Nathuram, Mr. Das went on, but his evidence itself showed that he could not have identified Nathuram at all. He had stated that three or four persons got down from the car and started talking with two or three other persons, who were already standing there. He had identified Nathuram as one of those six persons. His story was only to link up with the approver's story; otherwise how could it be possible for a man to identify a person whom he had just seen strolling along with five others. It was impossible that anyone could identify person after having just seen him strolling. He would, therefore, submit that it was impossible to rely upon the evidence of such a witness. And, therefore, the court should discard this evidence.

WAS GODSE AT BIRLA HOUSE

Dealing with the evidence of Surjit Singh, taxi-driver, Mr. Das submitted that Surjit Singh had identified Nathuram as being the person who went back from the Birla House in his taxi on the evening of January 20. Surjit Singh had stated that he took Apte, Gopal, Badge and Shanker to the prayer ground on January 20 and that on return journey, Badge did not come in his taxi but in his place Nathuram Godse had come. According to Badge, Shanker did not come back in the taxi but he accompanied him (approver) in a tonga to the Hindu Mahasabha Bhavan. He would, therefore, submit that Surjit Singh, who contradicted Badge should not be believed. On the evidence of the above four witnesses it was not possible for the court to hold that the presence of Nathuram at Birla House was established beyond reasonable doubt.

Mr. Das submitted that it was unbelievable that if there was any conspiracy at all to murder Mahatma Gandhi an important conspirator like Nathuram should not be present at the prayer meeting. There was no explanation as to why they did not fire revolvers and throw handgrenades at Mahatma Gandhi if there was any conspiracy at all. Some of the witnesses had started that Nathuram and Apte went away even before the explosion. Surjit Singh had stated that he did not remember whether he heard the report of the explosion before he started the car. He had, however, stated before the police that he had heard the explosion after he had started the car.

ATTACK ON PROSECUTION THEORY

Mr. Das continued, "visualise the situation": here are the men who are determined to murder Mahatma Gandhi. A bomb is to be ignited and thrown at Mahatma Gandhi. Even the bomb is exploded but Nathuram Godse, Apte, Gopal and Shanker get into the taxi. Nobody fires a revolver and nobody throws handgrenades. They started even before the explosion. Is this consistent with the case of the prosecution or is this consistent with the defence theory? I would submit that if the prosecution evidence is read along with the statements and examinations of the accused, your honour will not have the slightest doubt that the prosecution theory is not sustainable."

The court at this stage observed that if, according to the defence theory, they had gone there to hold demonstration why they should run away when one of them had exploded a gun-cotton slab?

Mr. Das replied that, according to Apte, they had given up the idea of holding demonstrations. The loudspeakers had failed. Therefore, they returned. Nobody had stated that they rushed to the taxi. The words "start the car, start the car" did not indicate that they were in a hurry. He would submit to the court not to attach too much importance to the words "start the car, start the car."

Mr. Das added that according to the approver, the accused had undertaken to kill Mahatma Gandhi on January 20. They had the necessary opportunity and the necessary courage that day. Yet nothing was done.

Mr. Das said that there was no difficulty for Madanlal to run away after he had ignited the bomb or scale over the wall and shoot at Mahatma Gandhi. Therefore he was entitled to argue that the case of the prosecution of the existence of a conspiracy to murder Gandhi on January 20 had hopelessly broken down.

CONSPIRACY AT MARINA HOTEL?

The evidence regarding conspiracy at the Marina Hotel, Mr. Das added, was not corroborated and the events which happened on January 20 not only did not corroborate but contradicted that story altogetner. Therefore the prosecution case that there was a conspiracy had failed.

The approver had stated Mr. Das went on, that when he returned to Hindu Mahasabha Bhawan from Birla House on the evening of January 20 that he asked Shanker to throw away the handgrenade and other things and Shanker threw them away.

DEFENCE CASE

The handgrenade was later recovered by the police. The defence case was that Badge came to Delhi to sell his "stuff." Apte's suggestion in his statement that Badge came to Delhi for the purpose of selling arms and ammunition to the refugees was a reasonable one.

It was important to remember that Apte used to hold demonstrations at Gandhiji's prayer meeting. He had held a demonstration at Gandhiji's prayer meeting. He had held a demonstration at Panchgani in 1944 and at Bhangi Colony in 1946. Therefore, it was not unreasonable to assume that they were there on January 20 to hold a demonstration.

JAIN'S STORY

Referring to the evidence of Dr. Jain, Mr. Das said that Dr. Jain was a respectable man. He had received a Doctorate for his researches and was undoubtedly a man who counted in the civic life of Bombay. Madanlal, according to evidence, had told him that there was a party at Ahmednagar and that the members of that party had decided to kill Gandhiji. That story, Mr. Das added was altogether unbelievable. Madanlal had no reason to suppose that Dr. Jain had any malice against Gandhiji nor he had any reason to suppose that Dr. Jain would approve of that idea, but there was reason to suppose that if Dr. Jain had not agreed with the conspiracy, which he said he was horrified to hear, there would be an end of the conspiracy if Dr. Jain had discharged his duties as a citizen.

The court was entitled under the law to consider the statement of Madanlal and bound to put the question whether Madanlal could have told Dr. Jain on January 10 or 11 that a party had been formed at Ahmednagar to kill Gandhiji and that he had been entrusted with the work of throwing the bomb. According to the approver the plan was finalised only on January 20.

Mr. Das said Dr. Jain had said that he did not take it seriously what Madanlal told him. That was false. Dr. Jain was sufficiently worried to tell Angad Singh. One or two days later what Madanlal had told him and he had also told him that the authorities must be informed. He had also told Mr. Jaiprakash Narain that there might be a conspiracy. The one person whom he had not contacted immediately was the head of the police in Bombay. He could have told the Prime Minister of Bombay or the Home Minister what he had heard from Madanlal then and there. When Dr. Jain read the report in papers about the explosion of the bomb at Birla House on January 20 and the arrest of Madanlal he got frightened because he might have thought that the police was bound to find out his connection with Madanlal That was why he made up a story and contacted the Prime Minister and the Home Minister on January 21, and told them the story.

WHY DID HE NOT TELL POLICE?

Mr. Das submitted that Mr. Jaiprakash Narain was an important witness in this case. He owed an explanation as to why he did not move in the matter and mention to the authorities in Delhi what Dr. Jain had told him if the evidence of Dr. Jain was to be believed. If Dr. Jain had contacted high Government officials and had told them what Madanlal had told him immediately when he heard about it from Madanlal that would have stopped the conspiracy. Why did he not tell? The only explanation was that Madanlal had not told him anything about the conspiracy.

"CALLOUS" CONDUCT

Continuing Mr. Das submitted that on January 21 when Prof. Jain told the story about the conspiracy to the Prime Minister and the Home Minister of Bombay they did not reduce it to writing. When Prof. Jain heard the story from Madanlal, he also did not put it down in writing. In spite of the fact that it was a very serious matter, none of them thought it necessary to put it down in writing. The Home Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai, sent for Mr. Nagarvala, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bombay, after hearing the story from Prof. Jain but Mr Nagarwala replied that he was too busy to come at that time, when the life of the Father of the Nation was in danger! Mr. Nagarwala later met Mr. Desai at the Bombay Railway Station, where he told him the story.

Mr. Nagarvala also did not put it down in writing. Mr. Das submitted that this showed that the conduct of the officers was very much callous.

Judge: "Is that so of Mr. Morarji Desai also?"

Mr. Das: "Your honour, if necessary I shall to that extent also in the interest of my client. Mr. Desai has to explain why he did not raise his little finger to protect the life of the Father of the Nation when he came to know about the conspiracy to murder him on January 21."

DIVERGENCE BETWEEN JAIN'S TWO STATEMENTS

There was no first information report regarding the conspiracy. It was a case in which such callousness had been shown by the authorities. When Prof. Jain had told everything to Mr. Morarji Desai, why there was no first information report? The court should take this fact into consideration while assessing the guilt of the accused. In the absence of first information report the defence was at a great disadvantage. As a matter of fact there was great divergence between the statement made by Prof. Jain to the police and the statement made by him before the Magistrate.

Prof. Jain had said in his evidence that he knew his duties as a citizen. Therefore, it was improbable that a person who had entered into a conspiracy to murder Mahatma Gandhi would disclose his plot to a respectable man of society. It was also improbable that Prof. Jain after hearing such a serious plot, would not have informed the police immediately. He explained that he did not take it seriously. This was absolutely false. It was also improbable that having disclosed the plot to murder Mahatma Gandhi on January 21, Prof. Jain's statement would not have been recorded by the police till February 17.

CONDITIONS OF EVIDENCE ACT NOT FULFILLED

Mr. Das then referred to the evidence of Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, Bombay, and submitted that his evidence could only be admissible under Section 157 of the Indian Evidence Act, that is, for the purposes of corroboration of Prof. Jain provided certain conditions laid down in thet Section were fulfilled. If Prof. Jain had gone to the Home Minister as soon as Madanlal had told him, Mr. Morarji's evidence would have been admitted. But Prof. Jain waited till January 20 when the first outrage had taken place. Therefore the condition laid down in Sec. 157 of Indian Evidence Act was not fulfilled. Hence his evidence was inadmissible.

STRANGEST CASE

Mr. Das submitted that the court should regard the absence of those written statements in this case as of very great importance in judging whether there was or there was not a conspiracy to murder Mahatma Gandhi. The investigation did not start after the event—after Gandhiji had been murdered. It was a strangest case that had ever come up before a criminal court.

Mr. Desai's statement, Mr. Das said, might be accepted as establishing that Prof. Jain did make a statement to him on January 21, but that did not establish the truth of Dr Jain's statement. What Prof. Jain told Mr. Desai was inadmissible.

His alternative argument, would be that neither the evidence of Prof. Jain nor the evidence of Mr. Desai could be relied on in the absence of statements which should have been recorded by them and which any man of ordinary prudence would have done.

He asked the court to hold that it was the bounden duty of Mr. Desai to give the name of Prof. Jain to Mr. Nagarvala and to direct him to take the statement of Dr. Jain. In the absence of all materials and the footing on which the defence could cross-examine Dr. Jain, Mr. Desai and Mr. Nagarvala it would not be safe to rely on their statements. The proper way would be to say that they had not done what they should have done.

Mr. Das then referred to the statement of Madanlal and said that according to him after his arrival in Delhi on January 17 he visited the house of his re-atives, went to a meeting addressed by Mr. Jaiprakash Narain and created disturbance. The evidence of Shantaram Amchekar did not show that Madanlal was a conspirator. A conspirator would try to conceal himself and try to associate with his co-conspirators whereas Madanlal had advertised his presence everywhere. What actually happened on January 20 corroborated the defence and contradicted the case of the prosecution.

END OF FIRST CONSPIRACY

So far as the approver was concerned he did not say that there was a further conspiracy. Although there might be evidence of another conspiracy, the conspiracy which the approver had spoken of and the conspiracy which Prof. Jain had spoken of war dissolved altogether on the evening of January 20. There might be another conspiracy after January 20 but that was a different matter. But so far as this particular conspiracy was concerned which started about the middle of January or a little earlier and which was finalised in Room No. 40 of Marina Hotel on January 20 was dissolved definitely on the evening of January 20, when Badge abused Nathuram Godse and Apte and asked them to clear out.

Mr. Das had not concluded his arguments when the court rose for the day.

INDIAN DANCER IN AMERICA

Uday Shankar, his wife Amla and their son were the guests of the Ambassador of India, Washington, D.C., and Lady Rama Rau from December 7 to 9. The film "Kalpana" was shown at the Department of Interior auditorium to an audience of 800 composed of Diplomatic Corps, Government officials, the press and people interested in art and culture. Picture shows: Mrs. Uday Shankar, Sir Benegal Rama Rau, Mr. Uday Shankar and his son, and Lady Rama Rau.

INDONESIANS REFUTE DUTCH ALLEGATIONS

Republic Has Made Sincere Efforts To End Conflict

OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS

JOGJAKARTA, (By Mail).—It is altogether incorrect to state that the Indonesian Republic desires a continuation of the present situation, in which two armies are facing each other in a hostile atmosphere, as has been alleged by the Dutch.

On the contrary, the proposals of the Indonesian Republic were made with a view to terminating the conflict and entering speedily into relations of mutual co-operation on a friendly basis in the interests of the two peoples."

FULL TEXT OF STATEMENT

The following is the full text of the Republican statement on the breakdown of negotiations in Indonesia:

In view of the recent events, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia deems it essential to reaffirm its position in its endeavour to reach a peaceful solution on the Indonesian dispute.

The Indonesian Republic has up to the present earnestly and sincerely negotiated with the Netherlands Government on the basis of the Renville Agreement, namely the Truce Agreement, the Twelve Political Principles and the Six Additional Principles, which were signed on Jan. 17, 1948.

DISTORTED PICTURE

The communique of the Netherlands Government on Dec. 11 last, among other things presented an incomplete and distorted picture taken by the Republic in its effort to come to a settlement on the question of the armed forces during the interim period.

The Republican Government envisages during this interim period the speedy formation of the Indonesian Federal armed forces, which are to be national in character. In the initial phase of the aforementioned formation, the already existing military elements of national character are to be employed according to a plan eventually to be worked out.

For the duration of the Interim period, the armed forces' strength including the Netherlands Armed Forces, shall—pending a settlement of the conflict as the outcome of a political agreement and also according to Art. 4 of the basis principles—be gradually reduced. During the Interim period the Netherlands Armed Forces shall be under the control of the High Representative of the Crown.

USE OF ARMED FORCES

The Indonesian Republic is of the opinion that in view of the influences of more than three years of conflict affecting the outlook and the feelings of the Indonesian people, a practical agreement on the use of these Netherlands Armed Forces is essential so that any use of these Netherlands Armed Forces would result either in feelings of hostility and in the obstruction in the way of general stabilization, which still possess important psychological aspects, or in the elimination of the conditions requisite for mutual co-operation and friendly relations between the Indonesian people and the Netherlands. In the interim period there be established co-operation between the commands of the Netherlands Armed Forces and the Federal Indonesian Armed Forces, which co-operation shall be consolidated through the Netherlands-Indonesian Union.

DUTCH ALLEGATIONS INCORRECT

It is altogether incorrect to state that the Indonesian Republic desires a continuation of the present situation, in which two armies are facing each other in a hostile atmosphere, as has been alleged by the Dutch. On the contrary, the proposals of the Indonesian Republic were made with a view to terminating the conflict and entering speedily into relations of mutual co-operation on a friendly basis in the interests of the two peoples.

By stubbornly insisting on full 'de jure' and 'de facto' powers in the hands of the High Representative of the Crown in the interim period, the transitional government according to the Dutch conceptions would in effect not be a transitional government towards a government of the independent and sovereign United States of Indonesia, but virtually mean the return of the former Dutch East Indies Colonial Administration under a new name.

REPUBLICAN STAND

The Indonesian Republic is surprised to learn that the Netherlands Government based their accusations against the Republic amongst other things on the Cochran Plan, which as was the case with the Dubois-Critchley Plan about six months ago—has been entirely bypassed and banned from formal discussions under the Good Offices Committe's auspices. Such is the stand taken by the Republican Government, which is wellknown to the Dutch Government.

The Netherlands Government decision to break off all informal as well as formal negotiations through the Good Offices Committee's mediation is contrary to the first of the Twelve Political Principles under which both parties engaged to accept the G.C.O.'s assistance reaching a political settlement.

The Indonesian Republic has proposed that formal negotiations be resumed forthwith under the auspices of the Good Offices Committee on the basis of the Cochran Plan, but before these negotiations could be opened the Netherlands Government announced its decision to break off all negotiations.

DUTCH MOVE CONTRARY TO TRUCE AGREEMENT

The Netherlands Government's intention to create an interim government without the Republic is contrary to the second of the Six Additional Principles which stipulates that in any interim Government each State would be given fair representation, and is also contrary to the Truce Agreement which stipulates in Art. 3 that the establishment of the demilitarized zones is of temporary nature and in no way prejudices the rights, claims, or position of the parties under the United Nations Security Council's resolutions of 19th, 25th and 26th August, 1947.

The Netherlands Government decision not to hold any further negotiations under the auspices of the Good Offices Committee while formal negotiations have not been resumed yet, and the Netherlands Government intention to create unilaterally an Interim Government have made it evident that all measures taken by the Security Council since Aug. 1, 1947 and the results of ten months of earnest endeavours of the Good Offices Committee have been completely ignored by the Netherlands Government.

DIVERGENCE BETWEEN JAIN'S STATEMENTS

'A Miracle In Rajputana's Sandy Desert'

(By G. N. Acharya, Our Special Representative)

GANDHINAGAR, Dec. 19.

By forced marches and by dint of sitting for seven hours without interruption, the plenary session of the Congress — the last of its kind — concluded here by adopting all the resolutions earlier approved by the Subjects Committee.

Considering that the resolutions had been "twice distilled" — to use the language of the Congress President, once by the Working Committee and another time by the Subjects Committee, the resolutions provoked no opposition and very little attempts at amendments except in the case of the resolution on the States. The two amendments moved to this resolution were also withdrawn and the nine different speakers mostly voiced local grievances. There were two from Mimachala Pradesh, two from Patiala, one from Rampur and one from Banaras. To all these Sardar Patel was able to give a detailed and satisfactory reply.

TANDON'S CONTRIBUTION

A notable contribution to the discussions came from Babu Purushottamdas Tandon, the defeated Presidential nominee who expressed himself as emphatically against communalism as the doughtiest champion of the secular state. He denounced all those who raised slogans similar to those raised by the Muslim League before the partition of India. At the same time, he asserted this his championship of Hindi as the national language of India had nothing communal about it. If he were convinced that it was a communal movement he would stop advocating it at once. He only subscribed to the theory of a single national language which would represent a binding force.

INTER-DOMINION CONFERENCE

Pandit Nehru also used the occasion to make an important statement on the recent Inter-Dominion conference and the agreement resulting from it. He said that the agreement represented a definite step forward in the building up of more harmonious relationship between the two Dominions. He said that there was a "psychological front" to the campaign for peace between the two Dominions and made a particular appeal to the press which had it in its power to help in this matter.

At the conclusion, the Congress President paid a tribute to the Reception Committee which had worked a miracle in the sandy desert of Rajputana.

Pandit Nehru also joined in the tribute and said that although during the last few days, he had spoken sharply both to Mr. Gokulbhai Bhat and Mr. Jainarayan Vyas, they had indeed done a great piece of work. They had held it on a big scale. He compared it to a colossal "mala". He also announced that this would be the last Congress of this kind. The Congress had become a responsible body. The policies laid down by it had to be carried out by the Central and Provincial Governments. All manner of problems were closing in around them and it was necessary to deal with them in a more deliberate manner than was possible in the presence of an audience of thousands upon thousands.

French Budget Proposals

Debate In National Assembly May Extend Till End Of Month

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—French Government proposals for balancing the 1949 budget and fulfilling Marshall Plan pledges were being discussed by the National Assembly today in a debate which may last until the end of the month.

After hearing 30 speakers listed for the general policy section, due to end on Thursday, the Deputies were expected to debate the detailed estimates non-stop until the end of the month, with the possible exception of Christmas and Boxing days.

If both Upper and Lower Houses have not voted by midnight on December 31, the Parliamentary clocks will be stopped until the final vote is taken.

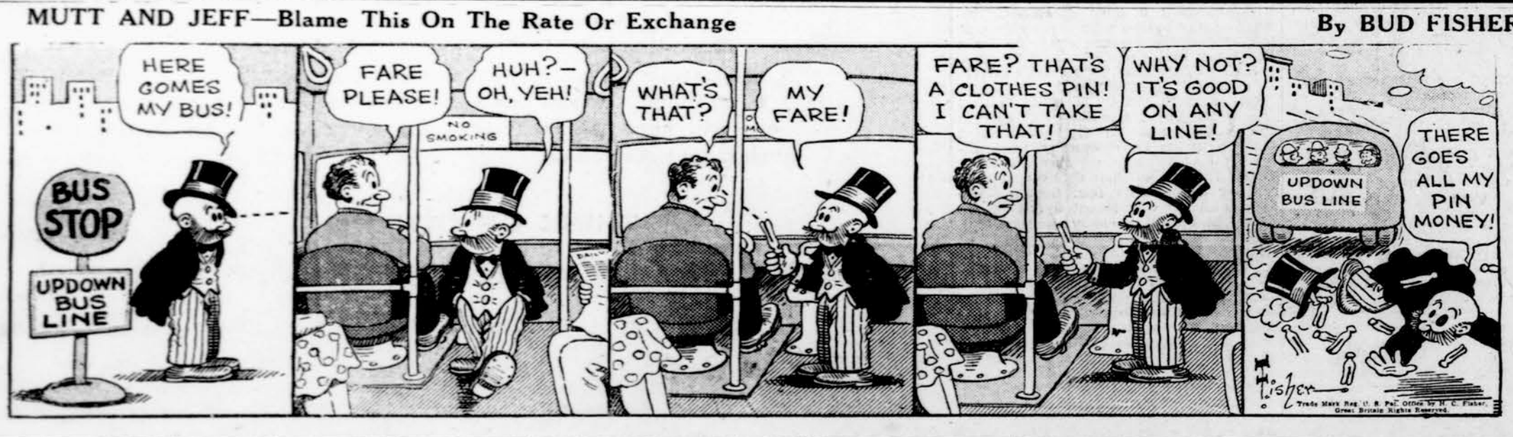
To fufil its Marshall Aid pledges, the Government must not only balance the 1949 budget, with its estimated expenditure of 1,250,000 million francs.

But it must also provide adequate funds fo the modernisation of industry programme aimed at making France independent of American aid by 1952-43.

SURAT, Dec. 20 (API)—Mr. Motilal Vin and Mr. Bagwandas Patel (both Congress) were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Broach Town Municipality.

The Congress Party in the Municipality holds 29 out of 30 seats, having lost one seat in the elections.

MUTT AND JEFF—Blame This On The Rate Or Exchange — By BUD FISHER



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OUR LONDON LETTER

Eire Goes Off British Crown

BUT REPUBLIC WILL HAVE NO PEACE TILL PARTITION IS ANNULLED

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON (By Air Mail): The Irish Parliament (Dail) gave unanimous approval to the second reading of the Republic of Ireland Bill. Even though the Bill requires a third reading before it becomes law, the second reading, which means approval of the measure in principle is decisive. The Bill will come into operation on January 21, if the necessary consequential arrangements are completed by that date. The British Labour Government has shown statesmanship by bowing to the inevitable. It has also exhibited very lively sense of realism by deciding not to treat the citizens of Eire as aliens. But it will be indulging in an error to suppose that with the recognition of republic in Eire all cause of bitterness between Eire and Britain would be removed.

Unless and until the partition of Ireland is annulled the people of Ireland would have a living grievances, against Britain.

The Republic of Ireland Act applies not only to the 26 countries which constitute Eire, but to the whole country including North Ireland. Pending the reintegration of the partitioned territory, the de facto application of the Bill, as distinct from the de jure application, would be limited to the territory which at present constitutes the state of Eire. Thus it would be the bounden duty of those on whom would fall the duty of working the constitution to see that the North Ireland is united with the Southern Ireland.

REPUBLIC HAS EXISTED

Even though the present Bill is given the label of Republic of Ireland, it does not in fact declare A Republic. A Republic has in fact existed for several years in Ireland. The Republic was actually declared in 1916 by those who were engaged in the task of liberating the country from British yoke. This was susequently endorsed by the vote of the people in 1918 and declared again in 1919. De Valera's constitution of 1937 gave a republican constitution to the country without calling it a republic. The position that has since existed has been more or less anomalous. In the words of Mr. MacBride, Minister of External Affairs, Eire was in the extraordinary position of "having a head of State, possibly for internal purposes, and having no Head of State for External purposes. "We had a President and we had no President. We had a King and No King; We were a Republic and we were not a Republic; we were in the Commonwealth; we were not in the Commonwealth. Now the position of the country becomes clear beyond doubt. It is a Republic and it is outside the Commonwealth. This has all along been the goal of the Irish people. Ireland's desire for national independence, in the words of the Minister for External Affairs is as old as the conquest of our country by Britain. Incipient civil war, executions, military courts and dead bodies have been the history of Ireland during the last 25 years because full freedom has been denied us." The traditions and the ideals of the Irish people, according to him, could not be reconciled with loyalty to the British Crown. It was an impossible task. By breaking that connection we are beginning a new and happier chapter in Irish life." The fact that the Irishmen did not show undue haste in breaking the link shows their great sense of socialism. Had they broken the link with the Crown at an inappropriate moment they might have added to their troubles. Not long ago a large section of the people of Ireland, including the members of the present Government, were opposed to quitting the Commonwealth and today, nobody is more anxious to break the link with the Crown than these very people. Eire has lost nothing by waiting for the appropriate moment.

WHAT ABOUT NORTH IRELAND

What about North Ireland? The Government of Eire has made no secret of their determination to get it united to the Southern Ireland. The Labour Government in Britain has wisely kept its lips sealed on the subject. Meanwhile Mr. Churchill has proclaimed that the maintenance of the position of Northern Ireland become all the more obligatory in Britain. The Tories are thinking of bringing out a pamphlet giving the Party's views on the subject to the electorate. The secretary of the Labour Party, on the other hand, has asked the members of the party to adhere to the Party line of strict neutrality on the Irish partition issue. What does neutrality mean? Would the British Government adopt an attitude of non-intervention should the Government of Eire seek to bring about the union of two parts of the Irish territory? The feeling in Ireland prevails that but for the support which the British Government extends to the Government of North Ireland the latter would not be able to maintain their separate existence. Even Mr. Churchill recognises that the two territory should be united, but in his words North should be wooed and won and not raped. What if North refuses to be wooed and won? Must a minority be allowed to defy the will of the majority for ever. Sooner or later the question of the partition of Ireland will come up for solution sooner than Mr. Churchill wishes. But many believe that he will live to see North Ireland united to Southern Ireland even if that means breaking away another piece of good earth from the British Empire.

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) Dec. 19 (A. P. I.): The pay and service commission report, which received the assent of the Nizam on March 15, 1948, recommended that the seniority lists in respect of Government servants should be prepared by the heads of departments and circulated to all members of each service. So that there may be no room for nepotism or victimisation of any individual.

BRITAIN'S ATHLETIC PROGRAMME

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter): Britain will take part in two international athletics matches next year.

Subject to the successful completion of certain details, she will oppose Czechoslovakia in Prague on a date yet to be fixed, while the usual match against France will be held at the White City Stadium, London, on August 1.

An international match will also be included in the programme of the British games at White City on June 6, and a junior triangular international will be held between Britain, France and Belgium.

Invitations for the British games international have been sent to France, Sweden, Belgium, Holland and the United States, and Belgium and Holland have already accepted.

Eight athletes will represent each country in a match of ten events.

JUNIOR TRIANGULAR

The events in the Junior Triangular international, the date and venue of which have yet to be announced, will be confined to athletes who have not exceeded the age of 20 on January 1.

A new system of record recognition has been instituted by the British Amateure Athletic Board, which will divide records set up in Britain and northern Ireland into two categories.

Performances by an Amateure Athlete, irrespective of his nationality or place of birth, will be known as "British all comers record", while those set up by Athletes of British nationality will be "British National Record"

Sequel To Samuel Street Fire

In connection with the devastating fire that broke out in a godown at Samual Street, Bombay on December 12, the city police have arrested yesterday Narottamdas Chunilal Shah, a partner of the godown. It is stated that the accused had stored a number of bags of "saltptre" without a license from the Municipality.

The accused was produced before Mr. M. Nasrullah, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Police Court and allowed bail for a fortnight.

This is the second arrest relating to the fire.

WEST INDIES DISMISSED FOR 178 RUNS

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Nayudu batting one. Then Nayudu drove Ferguson through the covers for a four.

"C.K." OPENS HIS SHOULDERS

Runs now started coming fast with C. K. Nayudu twice sending Ferguson to the ropes in one over. He first pulled Ferguson to the midwicket boundary the ball just missing a six and then hooked him to the square-leg boundary. This stroke sent up 50 and after play had lasted 72 minutes, Mushtaqali being 29 and C. K. Nayudu 17. Gomez displaced Atkinson who had conceded four runs in 3 overs and C. K. Nayudu pulled him to the leg boundary. But Mushtaqali skied Gomez over the bowler and Atkinson took a well-judged catch. Mushtaqali was batting for 75 minutes for his thirty made without a blemish and included three fours.

NAYUDU'S FORCE QUICK BOWLING CHANGES

The Nayudu Brothers came together and they added 38 runs by tea-time without being separated. C. K. Nayudu twice hooked Gomez to the legboundary in one over off successive deliveries while C. S. Nayudu sent Ferguson to the ropes with a crashing squarecut. At 72 Carew was tried in place of Ferguson whose six overs had cost him 25 runs and then runs later Jones returned in place of Gomez. Runs nowever came steadily and when tea was taken C. K. Nayudu had obtained 44 with the aid of eight fours and C. S. Nayudu 16.

Carew and Jones were in charge of the attack after tea and C. S. Nayudu late cut Carew for three followed by a two by C. K. Nayudu. Driving Jones to cover for another three, C. S. Nayudu sent up 102 after the innings had lasted 125 minutes. C. K. Nayudu was then 46 and C. S. Nayudu 22. Steering Jones through the slips to the boundary C. K. Nayudu completed his faultless fifty in a stay of eighty-nine minutes with nine fours as his Principal strokes in a total of 106. And C. S. Nayudu pulled Carew for a four. At 115 Gomez replaced Jones who had conceded 34 runs in eleven overs for his one wicket and C. S. Nayudu hooked him to the ropes with a powerful stroke while C. K. Nayudu latecut Carew to the ropes. At 123 Stollmeyer came on in place of Carew whose nine overs had cost him 22 runs.

C.S. NAYUDU OUT TO AN EASY CATCH

These changes checked the rate of scoring and C. S. Nayudu after driving Gomez to the off boundary, skied the same bowler to mid-wicket where Rickards took a dolly catch. C. S. Nayudu had batted with great restraint for 72 minutes during which he hit five fours and helped to add 73 runs.

"C.K." TEMPTED INTO GETTING STUMPED

Gaekwad joined C. K. Nayudu and the latter drove Stollmeyer straight to the screen for a four, the ball just landing inside the boundary line, following up with another four to cover. C. K. Nayudu hooked Stollmeyer to the leg for another four but in the next ball he was tempted out of his crease and McWatt easily stumped nim. Nayudu hit 13 fours in his innings of 72 lasting 138 minutes.

GAEKWAD OUT IN THE LAST OVER

Sane and Gaekwad were together when Jones was brought on for the last over and off the fourth ball Gaekwad was caught in the slips by Stollmeyer for one and with the fall of his wicket stumps were drawn for the day when the total was 147 for seven wickets.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN MADRAS

A CASTOR STRAIN: Castor Strain TMV. 1 has yielded at Markapur 665 lbs. per acre, while the local unselected block yielded only 272 lbs. Cultivators of castor may apply to the nearest Agricultural Demonstrator for supply of this strain of castor.

BREEDING PROGRAMME: H. 1 cotton otherwise known as "Farm Westerns" among traders and "Farm Cotton" among cultivators, has been the ruling type, covering over 85 per cent of the area under Westerns in the Bellary and Anantapur districts, though its strain is poor in its ginning quality and other characters. The Bombay types yield well and record a ginning percentage going up to 40 per cent. But they are of longer duration and will not be successful in the Bellary area. In order to combine the good characters of H. 1 and those of the Bombay types, and intensive breeding programme is in progress. Some promising cultures of this type are ready for trial in cultivators' fields.

A NEW MUNGARI COTTON: Trials of 881 F on cutivators' fields tTo obtain a fair estimate of its yields and cash acre return, has been in progress in the Mungari area of the Bellary district. 881 F proved its superiority over the control in lint length, spinning value and cash return per acre. It is also gratifying to note a voluntary demand from farmers for the seed of the new strain 881 F even in its trial stage.

GOOD SUGARCANE VARIETY: Of the number of sugarcane varieties that are under trial in the various Research Stations, Co. 449, while combining high sucrose contents and low glocose and organic non-sugars, has been consistently found to outyield 419, now holding the field. It is expected that Co. 449 will soon become a popular variety both in the factory areas and for making jaggery with good keeping quality and colour.

CINNAMON GROWING: At the Burliar Fruit Station, propagation trials with different fruit trees, and spices are in progress. In the course of trials, it was noted that cinnamon could be easily propagated vegetatively by layering.

POTATO TUBERMOTH: A parasite on the potato tubermoth, obtained from New Delhi, is being successfully multiplied at the Insectory, Agricultural College, Coimbatore. These parasites will soon be regularly released in large numbers for the potato crops in the Nilgiris.

SUGAR-CANE AND EARLY SHOOT BORER: The havoc done by the early shoot borer pest on sugarcane is successfully checked by weekly releases of Trichogramma parasite, a dozen times, commencing from a month after planting. The parasite nips the attack in the bud.

PHOSPHATIC MANURE: Best results of applying phosphatic meal and super-phosphate, are obtained only when they are applied before the final cultivation operation and not as many farmers very often use this manure as a top-dressing. The manure. Should be available at the root zone of the plants for full benefit. Surface application of phosphatic manures, when the crop is on the field is of no use. It is better to plough in phosphatic manures: before sowing or planting.

DAIRY- CUM- BREEDING FARM The Government have recently sanctioned a scheme for starting a Dairy-cum-Breeding Farm at Waltair, Vizagapatam, where the assets of the Military Dairy Farm were taken over by the Department of Animal Husbandry with effect from February 16, 1948. The scheme will be worked on commercial lines and work has already been started in regard to stocking the animals and getting equipments etc.,

LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT: 133 new breeding bulls have been included in the Government premium scheme during the period between 1st April 1948 to 31st August 1948. On August 31, 1948, there were 1134 bulls under this scheme. A premium of Rs. 200 or Rs. 220, as the case may be, depending on the breed, is payable every year to the owner of each of these bulls towards the cost of their up-keep for the period they are in the scheme.

WOOLLY SHEEP OF THE NILGIRIS: There is a breed of sheep in the Nilgiris, which has a very fine wool, reported to be the best available in India. This breed, being small in number, is fast disappearing owing to the animals being sold for slaughter year by year. The Government have sanctioned a scheme for the salvage of the available number of this breed of sheep—about 50—so that they may be reared on the Nilgiris and selective breeding carried on. Under this scheme, the woolly ewes and rams will be purchased very soon.

Madras Share Market Quietly Steady

MADRAS, Dec. 20, (A. P. I.): Quieter conditions continued to prevail on local market with bank shares remaining unchanged. Plantings ruled steady with limited turnover. Textiles were dull.

The market closed quietly steady.

Following are closing quotations:—

SECURITIES: Three per cent Paper 99/10, Three per cent 1986 99/3, Three per cent 1970/75 100, Three per cent 1952/54 Travancore 102/14, Three per cent 1960 Madras 101.

BANKS: Travancore 19/6.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Travancore 9/4, Ditto Pref. 9/8.

PLANTINGS: Chambras 4/6, Cochin Malabar 4/13, Devashola 18/12, Nellampthys 1/7, Ouchterlony 5/6, Periakaramalai 21/12, Pullangodes 1/3, Thirumbadi 2/7/6, T. R. and T. Co 6/13.

TEXTILES: Buckinghams 167, Ditto Pref. 196, Cambodias 9/5, Coimbatore C. M. 101, Lakshmi 64/8, Maduras 43, Metturs 315, Mysore Coupon 6/15, Radhakrishnas 138/8, Rajalakshmis 54, Ranga Vilas 43/8, Trav Rayons 4/13, Trichinopoly 11/8.

MISCELLANEOUS: And Cement 64, F. A. C. T's 5/3, Mettur Chem. 3/9.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

Previous Closing	32.18
Today's Opening	32.05
Difference	—13
Today's Closing	32.10
Difference	—8

LAST QUOTATIONS.

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

	Rs. As.
Silver Bullion Forward	179 2
Silver Ready	179 8
Gold Forward	112 12
Gold Ready	112 12
Sovereign	73 12

EXPECTATION:

Cotton Jarila Feb. 617 0

NEW YORK STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 32-7/8, General Motors dol. 58-1/2

United States Steel common dol. 71

United States Steel Preference unquoted.—Reuter).

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Irregular Tone

LONDON, Dec. 20, (Reuter): Christmas shopping was uppermost in the minds of many London Stock Exchange dealers today. Attendance was beginning to show signs of seasonal decline and trading in all sections was small.

There was however some support for Giltedged short dated stocks and the section had many fractional gains.

Industrial groups were irregular, Irons, steels and textiles were quietly firm, the latter on provincial support, but breweries and miscellaneous leaders generally lost few Pence.

Shipping shares were marked lower on some apprehension concerning the recent fall in freight rates.

Fractional losses were common in oils. Profiat-taking reduced recent rise in Venezuelan oil concessions, others were few Pence lower.

Scatterd selling by Cape produced weak note in Kaffirs. Most of these South African mines were lower in the absence of support.

Saurashtra Market Quotations

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, Dec. 20.

Rajkot Silver Maha 174/0/0, Rajkot Sugar Maha 88/0/0, Rajkot Aranda January 130/7/0, Jamnagar Silver Posh 175/8/0, Jamnagar Aranda January 130/15/0.

Cutch Hundis

(From Our Correspondent.)

BHUJ, Dec. 20.

Hundi Buying	312
Hundi Selling	313
Gold	Rs. 107-0
Silver	Rs. 174-0

Mysore Bans Export Of Potatoes

BANGALORE, Dec. 20, (A. P. I.): The Government of Mysore have again imposed a ban on the export of potatoes from the state in view of the large potato exports and consequent soaring of prices.

YOU ROB HER OF HER SHARE

That sari is charming indeed. But before you buy it, stop and think. Do you really need it? Have you not enough and more than enough? Couldn't those that you already have do for a little longer?

Remember, cloth is not in plenty, though there is enough to go round. If you buy what you do not really need, someone will have to do without—someone it may be, who needs it much more than you do.

THINK OF OTHERS

BUY ONLY WHAT YOU REALLY NEED AND WHEN YOU MUST

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Business MAN'S DIARY

INDIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS

The 36th session of the Indian Science Congress will be held at Allahabad from January 2 to 8 under the auspices of the University of Allahabad Dr. Sir K. S. Krishnan will preside. A special feature will be the visit of a delegation of top-ranking foreign scientists from Great Britain, France, U.S.A., Canada, Hungary and Russia. This social contact of foreign scientists will be of considerable benefit to the country as some of the research work done by them may be made available to us or we may get good guidance from their experience.

MACHINE FOR THE MILLION

A South Wales firm is exporting 94 per cent of the output of a new electric washing machine. It operates on a new principle, washing 3½ lbs. of clothes in an average of four minutes and its cost is Rs. 332. The outstanding feature is a pulsator which is placed flush in the side of the stainless steel container thus preventing frictional contact with the washing and minimising the usual wear from cleaning. The pulsator is diven in one direction at a constant speed. In addition to turning water and clothes on the same direction, its working sets up other currents of water causing clothes to be turned in all directions. The weekly output is 1,000 machines.

BUDGET PROSPECTS AND SHARE BAZAR

In the next two months, share Bazars will be influenced by various reports about prospects of the Central budget and some traders believe that we have seen the worst. It is true that, owing to shortage of food in this country, we shall have to pay about Rs. 100 crores for food imports but revenue figures are encouraging and customs duties show surplus over estimated revenue. The Government is keen to balance the budget and with prospects of cuts in Government expenses and unproductive plans, some optmistic operators look for relief in tax-burden.

BULLION EXCHANGE

All forward business came to an end on Monday and now we shall have only spot business. The Government has allowed time after 25th instant to clear up old accounts. Bulls scored a victory in pushing up prices as shorts found it difficult to cover as stock of actual Silver was firmly upto now large numbeh of contracts ket will begin with a clean slate is upto now liarge number of contracts were carried from one settlement to another and shorts were compelled to pay heavily for their inability to tender. This carry over charge at times surprised evenly what is known as "Pathan Vyaj". Let us now await provision that will be made in rules against manipulations by rich operatores.

CITY MARKETS

Stock Exchange was active on Monday and after the recent run of the technical reaction, upward trend was resumed. There are signs of returning confidence and January is likely to attract investment demand as the Government will pay out a sum of about Rs. 5 crores against Prize Bonds. Cotton was Steady while Bullion market failed to show any new development. Seeds were quietly steady but groundnuts were firm on the report of reduction of .5 per cent in the total area under cultivation.

INDIA WILL REMAIN "MAJOR AND STEADY" SOURCE OF PEPPER SUPPLY

BOMBAY, Dec. 19 (UPA).—India will remain the "major and steady" source of supply to the world's pepper markets for at least three or four years to come while the dollar earning capacity of the spice will also remain more or less on a stable basis, said Vallabhbhdas V. Mariwala, President of the Pepper Merchants Association.

Mariwala, who returned to India a few days ago after a business trip abroad, made a thorough study of pepper market conditions both in England and the United States.

He believes that the importance of the Netherlands East Indies as an important source of supply could be partly discounted for the next three or four years. This would leave a pepper hungry world turning to India for the major portion of its needs.

India, he said, has practically no carry-over of previous years' supplies. From earlier estimates of approximately 25,000 tons crop for the current year, dealers, judging from the smaller arrivals in the primary market, are inclined to revise their estimates downwards to about 22,000 tons. India, itself, Mr. Mariwala believes, has gone pepper-hungry. For example, he said, the recent stimulus in demand for comparatively large quantities from Calcutta and Amritsar accounted for a rise of nearly 15 rupees per hundred weight. This brought the rate in India to a level much higher than the New York parity, he said.

India's normal consumption is about 8,000. But even with high prices, he places the consumption demand at about 6,000 tons as the minimum.

EXPORTABLE SURPLUS

Making allowance for stock-piling purposes of about 4,000 tons, the exportable surplus will be about 12,000 to 14,000 tons.

American imports during 1947 amounted to 16,256 long tons, he said While he admitted that the average price level during that year was much lower than this year's, he still believes that U.S. consumption should be about 12,000 tons annually In addition, there are other countries looking toward Indian pepper such as England, Europe and other countries, which are on a quota basis These latter countries could easily account for about 6,000 to 7,000 tons annually, he said. Also the emergence of Germany as a customer for Indian pepper, he said, will encourage competition among buyers.

On the basis of the above figures, Mariwala believes that while there might "possibly be a temporary fall in prices when the peak of arrivals is under way, due to psychological reasons, prices eventually must at least maintain their current levels, if not higher."

BOMBAY Stock Exchange

STEADY IMPROVEMENT IN TATA STEEL SHARES

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

The Bombay Stock Exchange ruled fairly steady today during the major part of the session. It seems that operators were inclined to reduce open interest in view of the approaching holidays. Volume of business was limited. Steel and Textiles ruled steady around the opening levels with occasional small rallies. Banks were steady and in the Miscellaneous section price movement was narrow.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1657-8 and after improving at Rs 1662-8 receded to Rs. 1652-8 on scattered selling and steadied at Rs 1656. Ordinary shares were done at Rs 206 Bengal Steels and Indian Irons were placed at Rs. 20-5 and Rs 34-5 respectively.

The cotton mill section Bombay Dyeings were steady at the opening level at Rs. 1003-6 after declining at Rs. 1001-4. Central Indias were quiet at Rs. 253. Finlays and Gokaks were quoted at Rs. 272 and Rs. 274-8 respectively. Kohinoors improved to Rs 286 and then quietened at Rs. 284-8. Simplex shares were done at Rs 185 while Swadeshis were placed at Rs. 286-8.

Among Banks Centrals were quoted at Rs. 85-8, Imperials Old and Centributory were done at Rs 17555 and Rs. 432-8 respectively. India Banks came in business at Rs. 189-8. New Indias were quoted at Rs. 57. Ahmedabad Electrics found buyers at Rs. 115-10. Powers were done at Rs. 1535.

In the Miscellaneous section Associated Cements changed hands around Rs 152-8, Belapurs were done at Rs. 239 Burmas (Old) improved to Rs. 327-8 after declining at Rs 325-10. Premier Constructions and Scindias were placed at Rs. 139 and Rs. 19-8 respectively. Alcocks found buyers at Rs. 288-12. Tata Chemicals were steady at Rs. 13-5 while Tata Oils were quiet at Rs. 56 and Wimcos were placed at Rs. 270-10.

FORWARD SECTION

Bombay Dyeing (12-8)	1003 12
Kohinoor Mills (6)	288 8
Swadeshil Mills (22)	289 0
Central India Mills (4)	254 0
Simplex Mills (8)	188 0
New Great Eastern (10)	165 0
Gokak Mills (20) XD	274 8
Indore (9 plus 3)	182 8
Century Spinning (15)	240 0
Colaba Land and Mills (12)	147 0
India Bleaching (6)	160 0
Swan Mills (20)	324 0
Finlay Mills (1)	275 0
Morarji Goculdas (8)	505 0
Edward Sassoon (30) XR	246 4
Meyer (12)	131 4
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	3 1
India United Ord. (0-13-9)	12 0
India United Defd.	1 9 0
Madhusudan Mills (15)	205 0
Podar (8)	157 8
Khatau Makanji (8)	225 0
Indore Coupon	91 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord (14)	306 8
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15-0)	1653 12
Tata Stel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	135 12
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (5)	152 12
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8)	327 8
Belapur Sugar (12)	238 8
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-4)	31 8
Scindia Steam (1-4)	19-11-6
Premier Construction	141 8
Tata Chemical	13 3
Tata Oil (2)	56 0
Indian Iron (0-12)	24 5
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	20 8
British India Corp. (0-10)	8-6-0
Wimco	271 4
Alcock	288 12
Belapur Coupon	60 8

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	70 0
Phoenix Mills (50)	447 8
Indian Manufacturing XD	4350 0
Koorla Mills (8)	131 4
David Mills (6)	191 4
New City Mills (10)	191 14
Minerva Mills (12)	1217 8
Bradbury Mills (12)	587 8
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	5 0
Bharat Mills (2)	34 0
Mysore Spg. Mills (8)	120 0
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-12)	15 0
Model Mills (12-8) XD	183 12
Lakshmi Cotton (25) XD	617 8
Vishnu Cotton (8) XD	225 0
Western India (40)	4095 0
Standard Mills (15)	245 0
Sholapur Mills (200)	3900 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	10 9
Hindustan Mills (40)	4290 0
Tata Mills (3)	62 0
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	270 0
Ahmedabad Advance New	195 3
Sassoon Silk (3)	77 8
New Union Mills (0-8)	13 1
Madhusudan B (2-8)	47 0
Srinivas Mills (8)	175 0
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	100 0
Berar Mills	305 0
Victoria Mills	225 0
Colaba Land Coupon	42 0
New Great New	142 0
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Hydro (4 4 0)	158 8
Andhra Valley (45)	1470 0
Tata Power (50)	1507 8
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	116 4
Ahmedabad New	12 8
Surat Electricity (2-8)	142 8
Karachi Electric (2)	132 8
Broach (0-5)	10 12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 2
Amalgamated (0-12)	12 3
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electric Supply (8)	151 4
Bombay Suburban (3)	146 4
Bombay Suburban New (2)	131 4
BANK SHARES	
Reserve Bank (2-12)	..
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1755 0
Imperial Bank of India (8-12)	433 12
Central Bank Old (1-8)	84 12
Central Bank New (1-8)	83 0
Bank of India (4) XR	189 8
Union Bank of India (0-5)	8 6
Bank of Baroda	148 8
Habib Bank (4)	158 0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	52 0
United Commercial (1-8)	62 4
Hindustan Commercial	46 12
Jaipur Bank (176)	37 0
Mysore Bank (8)	350 0
Exchange Bank (1-8)	29 8
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	105 0
INSURANCE	
Oriental (125) XD	4700 0
Empire (10)	375 0
New India (1-8)	57 8
Jupiter (1-4)	22 4
Vulcan (0-10)	11 14
Indian Mercantile (2)	39 8
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B I G (1)	19 8
Industrial and Prudential	29 8
Neptune Assurance	7 0
New Great	45 0
All-India General	17 8
RAILWAY SHARES	
Central Provinces (1-14)	110 8
Pachora Jamner Rly. (2-8)	118 4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Bombay Steamer (1)	440 0
Bombay Burma New (5)	118 12
Burma Petrol	1 9
Mackenzie (6)	92 4
Port Canning (3)	69 8
Kemp and Co. (30)	442 8
Kemp and Co. (New)	462 8
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150 0
Industrial Invest Trust (4)	88 8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	32 8
Mukund Iron	10 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	21 0
Associated Cement New (1-4)	142 8
Supreme India XR	123 12
Jam Wire (6)	67 8
Bombay Uganda	69 0
Bombay Motor Cycle	39 8
Indian Cement (1937)	25 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (B.S.)	155 0
United Motor	74 0
Associated Cement New (1-4)	143 0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	1002 8
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	95 0
Gujarat Motor	20 0
Sardar Carbonic XD	750 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estreia Batteries	51 0
Prince of Wales Press	610 0
Manmad Press	120 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	190 0
Andhra Valley (7)	1250 0
Tata Power (7-8)	1320 0
Hydro Electric (7)	125 0
Bombay Steamer (6)	308 12
Central India (5)	632 8
Swadeshi Mills	128 12
Vishnu Mills (7)	632 8
Lakshmi Mills	277 8

X'mas Holidays In Share Bazar

The Bombay Stock Exchange will remain closed from 24th Dec. to 1st Jan. 1949 (both days inclusive) on account of Christmas and New Year holidays and will re-open on Monday the 3rd Jan.

New Great Mills (5-8)	227 8
Podar Mills (4)	108 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	117 8
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	325 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	132 8
Premier Construction 1st (6 1/4)	120 0
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	116 4
Amalgamated (5-8)	123 2
Habib	72 0
Tata Chemical (5)	133 12
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	160 0
Jupiter General	19 14
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	121 4
Mackenzie 1st	85 0
Mackenzie 2nd	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mills	50 0
Standard Mills	101 0
Madhusudan Mills	12 0
Khatau Mills	106 0
Morarji	104 0
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952 (4)	103 8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	101 10
Indian Hume Pipe (6)	106 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchand Nagar (6)	112 0
India Copper (1-9)	2 7
British India Corp. (0-10) CR 8	8 10
Burma Corporation	3 4
New Victoria Mill	3 0
New Victoria Pref.	5 2
Phalton Sugar (8)	119 0
Gold Mohur (20)	320 0
New Kaiser-I-Hind	400 0
Sajjan Mills (20)	150 0
Osmanshari Mills (10) Nom.	280 0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	330 0
Air Service XR	8 12
Ambica Air Lines	11 0
Air India (100)	118 12
Hind Motor	5 14 6
India Steam	10 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
India Copper (1-9)	2 5
Burma Corporation	3 1
New Victoria Mill	3 0
New Victoria Pref.	5 0
Phalton Sugar (8)	120 0
Gold Mohur (20)	280 0
New Kaiser-Hind	390 0
Sajjan Mills (20)	150 0
Osmanshahri Mills (10) Nom	280 0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	330 0
Air Service XR	8 8
Ambica Air Lines	10 0
Air India (100)	106 4
Hind Motor	5 11
India Steam	9 11

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

Tata Ordinary 306/8; Tata Deferred 1653/12; Indian Iron 24/5; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 20/8; Bombay Dyeing 1003/12; Central India 254/6; Gokak 274/6; Kohinoor 288/12; Simplex 188; Swadeshi 289/6; Tata Power 1507/8; Associated Cement 152/8; Belapur 238/12; Bombay Burma (Old) 327/8; Scindia 19/11/6; Central Bank 84/12; New India 57/8; Tata 2nd Pref. 135/8.

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

The cotton market ruled very steady and prices within 2 points from the ceiling level, it looks as if virtual end of forward business in February delivery.

The market opened at Rs. 617 and improved at Rs. 618 under covering. At this level there was scattered realising which declined February at Rs. 616/8 but again rallied at Rs. 617/8.

The market finally closed as under.:

I.C.C. Feb.	616	12	0
I.C.C. May	612	0	0
I.C.C. July	613	8	0
I.C.C. Sept.	613	0	0

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing at 2 p.m.
Feb.	617 1/2	615	617 1/4
May	612 1/4	608 1/2	612 1/4
July	613 3/4	610 1/2	613 3/4
Sept.	613	610 1/2	612 3/4

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

Indian Cotton February contract is 838 cents below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

Early improvements in castorseeds met moderate profit-taking and prices ruled quiet after very steady opening.

Castorseeds may delivery opened at Rs. 131/4 and after improving at Rs. 131/7 sharply declined to Rs. 130/12 on heavy selling by some operators and then prices steadied at Rs. 130/14. Later on there was renewed buying which met indifferent offerings and the market improved to Rs. 131-9 and closed very steady

There was good demand for Groundnuts and prices recorded moderate improvement. Linseeds were quiet with fair business. Quotations were as under:

GROUNDNUTS—			
Khandesh quality	35	12	0
Coromandal	35	0	0
Bold ready	34	12	0
Bold Dec-Jan.	34	4	0
Bold Feb-March	34	2	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
Ready	29	0	0
May delivery	131	9	0
LINSEEDS—			
Ready	27	4	0
Nov-Dec. delivery	27	8	0
Feb-March	27	5	0
GROUNDNUT OILS—			
Ready Mills	20	6	0
December	20	2	0
January	19	12	0
Linseed Oil	16	12	0
Castorseed Oil first pressing	19	0	0
Castorseed Oil Commercial quality	17	8	0
Gingellyseed	225 to 230		

Produce Receipts

BOMBAY, Dec 20

Cotton Bales	1,380
Groundnuts	13,925
Linseeds	698
Cottonseeds	11.133
Mahudas	416
Til	1,967
Castorseeds	635
Rice	18,995
Grams	2,699
Sugar Deshi Cwts.	1,123

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

2 1/4 per cent 1954	98	12	
2 1/4 per cent 1950	100	14	
2 1/2 per cent 1961	97	2	
2 1/2 per cent 1961	97	1	
2 3/4 per cent 1960	99	10	
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	12	
2 3/4 per cent 1976	98	0	
3 per cent Non-Terminable	99	7	
3 per cent 1986 Con.	99	3	
3 per cent 1949-52	100	10	
3 per cent 1951-54	101	8	
3 per cent 1953-55	101	9	
3 per cent 1957	101	6	
3 per cent. 1959-61	100	13	
3 per cent 1963-45	100	3	
3 per cent 1966-68	99	15	
3 per cent 1970-75	100	0	
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	105	8	
4 per cent 1948-53	109	4	
4 per cent 1960-70	110	12	
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	104	4	
4 1/2 per cent 1955-60	112	2	
4 1/2 per cent 1958-68	115	12	
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
2 3/4 per cent U P 1961	98	2	
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	98	2	
3 per cent Punjab 1948	98	14	
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	12	
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	12	
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	4	
3 per cent U.P. 1952	100	4	
3 per cent C. P. 1952	100	6	
3 per cent N W P 1952	99	10	
3 per cent U P 1961-66	100	0	
4 per cent Bombay Municipality D.	111	0	
6 K P I	114	0	
5 per cent Bom Mumi 1958	114	8	
6 per cent Bom Muni 1954	114	8	
3 1/4 per cent Municipality 1977	100	14	

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

MILLS.

BOMBAY, Dec. 20

Ahmedabad Advance 270
Apollo 3/1
Bharat 34
B. Dyeing 1003/12 5 1/4 5 3/12
Bradbury Pref. 325
C. India 254 53 54
Century 240
Elphinstone Ord. 70
Finlay 273 72 76 75
Gokak 274 73/8 75 74/8
I. U. Defd. 1/9 1/8 1/9
I. Ord. 11/14 12
Indore 185 87/8 82/8 83/12 82/8
Khatau 225
Kohinoor 284 86 84/8 89/8 88 88/8
Laxmi 617/8
Madhawji 15
Mayer 128/12
Model 183/12
New Great 163/8 65
Podar 157/8
Sassoon Cotton 10/9
Simplex 186 87 85 88 87 88
Swadeshi 285 87 84/8 86/8 86 89
Swan 324
Tata Mills 62
Vishnu 225
C. P. Rly. 110/8

BANKS

Central 85 85/8 84/12
Central New 83
Imperial Old 1750 55
Imperial New 432/8 33/12
India 189/8
Union 8/6
U. Commercial 62 62/4

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedbad 115/10 16/4
Suburban 146/4
Hydro 158/8
Hydro Pref. 124/6 23/12
Power 1540 7/8
New India 57 57/8

STEAMER.

B. Steam 437/8 40
B. Steam Pref. 308/12
Scindia 19/10 19/8 19/11 19/8 19/12 19/10/6 19/11/0

STEEL.

B. Steel 20/8 20/4 20/7 20/5 20/8
I. Iron 24/5 24/7 24/5 24/8 24/5
Tata Defd. 1657/8 62/8 52/8 55 50 57/8 53/12
Tata Ord. 307 7/8 6/8 6 8 6 6/8
Tata IInd Pref. 135/12 36 35/8 35/12

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 228/12
A. C. C. Old 153 52 52/8 52 53 52/12
A. C. C. New 142/4 43
Belapur 239 38 39 38/8
B. B. Old 326/4 25/10 27/8 26/14 27/8
B. B. New 118/12
B. B. Petrol 1/9/6 1/9
I. I. Trust 88
P. Const. 139 39/8 39 41 40/8 41/8
P. Const. IInd Pref. 116/4
Shivrajpur 30/8 31/4
Tata Chem. 13/3 13/8 13/8
Tata Pref. 133/12
Tata Oil 56 55/12 56/8 56
Wimco 270/10 71/4

SPECIAL.

Belapur Coupon 60 60/8
B. I. Corporation 8/7 8/5 8/6/6
Steamer Debenture 101/10
Indore Coupon 92 90 91

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

As the period allowed by the Government to liquidate all outstanding business is drawing near, no new busines was done in forward market. All outstanding contract in gold were evened up and now we have only business in ready. Forward silver business is also coming to an end to-day.

Forward silver opened to-day at Rs. 178 and sharply advanced to Rs. 179-8 on heavy short covering and steadied around Rs. 179. Ready silver was quoted at Rs. 179-12

No business in forward gold was done and ready gold was placed at Rs. 112/14 while sovereigns were done at Rs. 74. Later on prices moved either way within a narrow range. Gold was steady with restricted business. The undertone of the market was firm. Final quotations were as under:

Forward Silver	179	0	0
Ready Silver	179	12	0
Forward Gold	—		
Ready Gold	112	12	0

Pepper Prices

BOMBAY, Dec. 20

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Hessian Market

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

	Pies.
45X11.	
Ready	113-1/4
Oct.-Dec	113-1/4
Jan.-March	114-3/4
D W. 40X23	
Ready	131 8 0
Oct.-Dec	128 0 0
Jan.-March	123 0 0

Italian Art Silk

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

150 D. Dec.	4	1	3
150 D. Jan.	3	15	0
120 D. Ready	3	10	0
150 D. Ready	4	1	6

Sugar Prices

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

Small	93	4	0
Medium	100	8	0
Big	—		
Extra Big	—		
Dec.	33	0	0
Jan.	31	4	0
March	30	12	0
Arrivals Bags	2,972		
Despatches Bags Approx	2,500		
Total Stock Approx Bags	36,000		

Hapur Market

HAPUR, Dec. 20.

Wheat 24 to 27, Gram 14, Barley 16/4, Bejhar 14, Maize 16, Bajra 16/6, Juwar 14/2, Guwar 13, Matar 13, Arhar 14, Urad 18/8, Moong 21, Masoor 15/4 to 16/8, Gur New 11/8, Shakkar 12, Crystal 37/8, Khandsari 24 to 30, Fagan Future 10/1/3. Opened 10/1/6. Arrivals 6,000 mds, Sarson 24/8. Taraseed 19/12 to 21/8, Oil 66, Oilcake 8/4, Cottonseed 14, Groundnut 13/8, Oats 10, Bardana Ready 120. Jany. 130. Chet 113/8, Arpil 127, Silver Forward 163/4, Gold 111, Urd Maha 18

Karachi Markets

KARACHI, Dec. 20:

Cotton Ready Sind NT 85 Punjab 289 F 92, Fourf 74. New Crop NT Roller January Delivery 84 to 84-4, Sawgin 89 to 90. market steadier on account of good demand. Yesterday's business totalled about 6371 bales arrivals from up-country 4458 bales exports nil.

Cottonseed NT ready 8, do new crop 8-9, Dessi 11-8, Rapeseed 204. market steady with good demand. Yesterday's arrivals from up-country 39.755 mds, exports 7.220 bags for Cutch.

Cutch Kathiawar:

Gold Tejabai 103-8. Sovereigns 67. Silver Coins 119, Gold easy silver quiet but steady.

Stock Exchange quotations unchanged.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 20.

Market witnessed narrow fluctuations nothing remarkable. Fluctuations:—

Calico Opened 1208, Lowest 1201, Arvind Opened 1455, Lowest 1453, Highest 1470.

Ambica Opened 384, Highest 385.

Differed Opened 1654, Lowest 1644, Highest 1655

Closing quotations: Calico 1206, Arvind 1468, Ambica 385, Differed 1650, Atul 44, Ahd. Shorok 595, Ashok 635, New Cotton 412/8, And. Cotton 500, Jupiter 331, Saraspur 580.

Control Of Wheat Prices Likely

AMBALA, Dec. 20, (A. P. I.): The possibility of wheat prices being controlled in order to compel the hoarder to bring out his stocks was envisaged by Mr. C. P. K. Menon, Director-General of Food and Joint Secretary, Central Food Ministry, addressing representatives of growers and dealers in wheat in Ambala today.

Skipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

S.S. HERDIES

From Rotterdam—360 bdls. boards, 25 cases wasted yarn, 500 cases potatoes, 71 cases tinned fish.

From Hamburg—47 cases sewing machines, 31 cases iron rivets, 100 bags lithophone, 870 cases iron chains.

From Bremen—80 cases iron rivets

From Lisbon—850 ctns cork board insulation.

From Naples—20997 baskets potatoes.

From Beirut—407 bags naix de gat les.

From Alexandra—1000 bales cotton, 2800 cases figs, 200 cases currants.

From Aden—55 bales skin.

EXPORTS

Goods Entered For Export.

S.S. DWARKA

To Basrah—25 bales cotton waste—Textile Pepper Co.

To Karachi—100 bundles slates—F. Mohamed. 35 cases glassware—R. M. Raman and Sons.

S.S. STAR BETEL GEUSE

To Singapore: 75 bales cottonwaste—Jain and Co.

S.S. ITRIA

To Portsaid: 20 cases rubber toys—M. E. Mehta and Co.

S.S. SANGEORGIO

To Karachi: 5000 bricks—Associated Cement Co. Ltd.

S.S. ENGLISTAN

To Karachi: 100 bags epsom salt—G. M. Oomar.

S.S. PARA

To Rotterdam: 25 drums readymixed paint—The Saraj Oil Mills Co. Ltd.

S.S. ARONDA

To D'Sallam: 12 cases chalk sticks—Mama Trading Co. 10 cases copper utensils—S. A. Mehta.

S.S. FLYING CLIPPER

To Hongkong: 200 bags soapstone Sovereigns 74 8 0

powder—N. Nanseta and Bros.

To Singapore: 50 bags soapstone powder—Podar Trading Co. Ltd.

S.S. JALABALA

To Karachi: 50 drums castor oil—H. A. H. J. Noormohmed and Sons. 85 bdls cane sticks—D. C. Ebrahim. 300 bdls bidi leaves—Miscellaneous Shippers.

S.S. CITY OF DUNKERK

To Liverpool: 250 bales cotton yellow picking—J. Ladha and Co.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

BOMBAY Dec. 20:

ARRIVALS

AKBAR, from Jeddah on Dec. 20 with 1360 passengers. (Turner Morrison)

TALMA from Beira on Dec. 20 with 5160 tons general cargo and 94 passengers, (Agents M.M.).

CITY OF GLASGOW from Birkenhead on Dec. 13 with 5200 tons general cargo: (Agents Killick Nixon).

BHARATKUMAR from Taticorin on Dec. 19 with 1009 tons general cargo. (Bharat Lines).

STEEL ARCHITECT from New York on Dec. 20 with 8296 tons general Cargo (M.M.)

DEPARTURES

TAMPA for Oslo on Dec. 18 with 1500 tons general cargo.

STAR BETELGUISE for Kolei on Dec. 18 with general cargo.

ISLAMI for Jeddah on Dec. 18 with 146 passengers and 120 tons general cargo.

DUMRA for Basrah on Dec. 18 with 1145 passengers and 2140 tons general cargo.

HEATHER for Cochin on Dec. 19 with general cargo.

ROSEBAIL for Cochin on Dec 19 with general cargo.

HALF-YEARLY SEA-BORNE TRADE REVEALS RS. 17.94 CRORES ADVERSE BALANCE

U.K And U.S.A Remain Best Buyers

India's adverse balance in sea-borne trade amounted to Rs. 17.94 crores during the half-year ended September, 1948. During the same period last year, the adverse balance of undivided India was Rs. 18.72 crores.

India's total exports during the half year ended September, 1948, amounted to 209.75 crores and re-exports 4.77 crores, while India's imports were of the value of Rs. 232.46 crores.

The principal commodities of export were jute, tea, cotton, oils and hides and skins. The principal commodities imported were machinery, grain pulses and flour, cotton (raw and waste), oils, metals and ores vehicles, chemicals, drugs and dyes

The United Kingdom reduced her offtake of Indian goods in the period under review as compared with the corresponding period last year by Rs. 9.43 crores, while the U.S.A.'s share remained practically at the same figure Pakistan was the second largest importer of goods from India in the six months ended September 1948—her share being Rs. 25.93 crores. Egypt increased her imports from India by more than four times in the six months ended September '48 as compared with the same period last year. although the monthly figures for September 1948 do not show much divergence as compared with the same months last year. Burma, France and Italy also increased their shares in the period under review as compared with the same period last year while the shares of Belgium and China declined.

Imports from the United Kingdom increased by Rs. 4.01 crores in the period under review as compared with the same period last year and those from Italy by Rs. 4.12 crores. Imports from the U.S.A. on the other hand declined by Rs. 13.98 crores. Imports from Australia were valued at Rs. 14.18 crores in the six months ended September 48 against only Rs. 4.31 crores in the same period last year. Burma increased her share in Indian imports by Rs. 5.63 crores. Pakistan exported Rs. 9.96 crores worth of goods to India in the period under review.

COMPARISON WITH LAST YEAR

Comparison with last year has to be made by referring to figures relating to undivided India, as it has not yet been possible to compile figures for last year for the territories of the Indian Dominion.

Statistics for 1947 exclude the direct foreign trade of the Pakistan Provinces of Sind and East Bengal with effect from the 1st and 15th Aug 47, respectively. They do not also include the Sea-borne Trade of India with Pakistan.

In spite of a considerable increase in exports and re-exports taken together, which amounted to Rs. 214.52 crores in the six months ended September 1948 against Rs. 190.90 crores for the corresponding period in 1947, the balance of trade position showed no marked improvement because of a corresponding increase in imports. Imports stood at Rs. 232.46 crores as compared with Rs 209.62 crores last year. The following tables gives details:—

(Value Rs. lakhs)

	6 months ended Sept. '48	6 months ended Sept. '47	Sept. '48	Sept. '47
Imports	232,46	209,62	39,24	32,61
Exports	209,75	187,68	34,79	33,56
Re-exports	4,77	3,22	36	54
Balance of Trade	—17,94	—18,72	—4,09	+1,49

Calcutta Stock Exchange Quiet But Steady

CALCUTTA, Dec 20. (A. P. I.): The market continued quiet but steady with only a limited business.

Following are today's final transactions upto 2-30 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Loan 1986 99/5, Three per cent Loan 1949/52 100/7, Three per cent Loan 1951/54 101/5, Three per cent Loan 1957 101/8 S. Lots. Three per cent Loan 1966/68 99/13 S. Lot. Four per cent Loan 1960/70 110/8 S Lot.

BANKS: Allahabad Bank (Conty) 225, Hindustan Commercial Bank 26

COTTONS: Benares Cotton 6 C. T., Cawnpore Textiles 10/12

COALS: Bharat Colliery 7/2, Churulia 5/1, Burrakur 24/6, Talcher 4/3.

JUTES: Dalhousie 226 S. Lot, Howran 28/4, National 26/8, Presidency 6/11.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn. 3/2, Indian Copper 2/7, Dalmia Cement Ordy. 7/10, Calcutta Electric 21/11, Burma DN Co. 280, Jessop and Co. 17, Marshalls 6/9, Saran Engg 8-12 Steel Corpn. 20/8, Textile Machinery 7/5, Angla Brothers 20/2, B. I. Corpn 8/7, Indian Cables 40, Indian Wood Products 31, Ivan Jones 5/2, Spencer Hotel 1/10, Indo-Burma Petroleum 48, Titagur Paper 37/8 Assam Saws 7/12.

SUGARS: Carew and Co. 10/3.

TEAS: Betjan 40/12, Baradighi 45/8, Hansqua 18/12, Poob

'COMEDY OF ERRORS' IN SUBJECTS COMMITTEE

Pattabhi Seeks To Explain 'Wastage Of Time' But Nehru In Temper Threatens To Boycott R.C. Lunch

by G. N. ACHARYA, Our Special Representative.

GANDHINAGAR, Dec 19:

What is this?, What is this?, What is this?, Shouted Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Prime Minister of India in a crescendo of indignation as the chronic state of confusion which prevails in Gandhinagar reached a stage where it affected the proceedings of the Congress session itself. But everybody else in the Subjects Committee pandal was laughing at the jest made by the Congress President who described it as "not a tragedy but a comedy of errors"

Thanks to the dust, the cold night fog, and the darkness, the proceeding of the Congress session had to be adjourned early last night. It was announced then that the Subjects Committee would reconvene at 3-30 in the morning and the plenary session an hour later. But the Reception Committee wanted to give a lunch to the members of the A.I.C.C. and one of the loudspeaker systems which keep blaring in the camp night and day repeatedly announced that the plenary session would meet only in the afternoon. As the brief purpose for which the Subjects Committee had been called had been ended, Pt. Nehru wanted the plenary session to start off. But some members protested that their colleagues had gone to the city for sightseeing or elsewhere and were not present. "What of that? My wife has also gone" said the Congress President.

But she is not a delegate" shouted many voices. "What?, said the Congress President, she is as good as the Congress President. And with that jest he announced amidst laughter that the House was adjourned.

Pt. Nehru in high temper at this wastage of time fumed at the Reception Committee and told them he would not attend their lunch.

Dutch Aggression Shocks World Conscience

(Continued from Page 1)

the Republic in many guises and after crushing the Moscow—inspired rising of recent date, many Communist friends and many fellow travellers, still remain" he said.

The Indonesian Republican radio at Bukittingi, Republican capital of Sumatra, could not be heard today by monitors of the Republican news agency "Unatra" in Singapore. A last despatch the agency picked up in Morse last night said Dutch planes had bombed the town twice during the day.

Adjourned For Want Of Quorum

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter): The United Nations Security Council, called into emergency session to consider the Indonesian situation, adjourned without a discussion this morning—because there was not the necessary quorum of members.

Three of the eleven members of the Council, Russia, Ukraine, and Colombia, were absent.

The Council adopted a proposal by Dr. Jessup (United States) that Wednesday morning instead of Wednesday afternoon be fixed for the time of meeting "in view of the great urgency of the question".

No Soviet Delegate attended the meeting. The Assistant Secretary-General read a telegram from the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, saying three days notice was necessary to call a meeting of the council.

Only one day's notice had been given, M. Molotov said, and no Soviet Delegate could attend before Dec. 26.

The Assistant Secretary-General said he had spoken to the Soviet Embassy today and they had said their delegate could be present late on Wednesday.

Britain Studies Dutch Note

A Dutch note telling Britain of the Netherlands intention to bring "police action" against the Indonesian Republicans was being studied at the British Foreign Office today, a spokesman said.

The note sent on Saturday, was regarded by diplomatic quarters as a courtesy one, since Britain has now no status in the dispute apart from membership of the Security Council.

The Foreign Office spokesman said it was a matter of regret that British efforts at reconciling the two parties had broken down".

The British attitude would be made clear by Sir Alexander Cadogan at the Security Council.

Guerillas Will Continue To Resist

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (Reuter): Dr. Soemitro, Indonesian Republican Minister here, appealed to the United States today for "political and economic support" of the Indonesian Republic.

The envoy conferred with Mr. Robert Lovett, United States Under-Secretary of State, told newspapermen that he had told Mr. Lovett that the Republican Government would continue strong resistance to the Dutch.

He announced that a new Government would function from Boekittinggi, Sumatra.

He said that if Boekittinggi was captured, the Government would move elsewhere.

"As long as we have territory under our control we will have our Government there. As a last resort, we will set up a government in exile" he declared.

Dr. Soemitro is minister of Foreign Trade and Financial Affairs of the Indonesian Republican Government.

Whil he was talking to Mr. Lovett, the Ausralian Minister, Mr. Norman J. O. Makin, was waiting for a conference with Lovett on the crisis. The Indian Minister, Sir Benegal Rama Rau, was also due to see Mr. Lovett later.

Sydney Dockers' Reaction

SYDNEY, Dec. 20 (Reuter): The Executive of the Dock Workers' Union—the Waterside Workers' Federation—here is to meet tomorrow to consider reimposing their ban on working Dutch ships in view of developments in Indonesia.

The 'Abbekerk', at present the only Dutch ship in Sydney harbour, got wharf labour today without difficulty.

ASIAN NATIONS MUST LINE UP

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (API): The situation arising out of the Dutch military action in Java resulting in the arrests of the Republican Government leaders and the fall of the Republican capital is being studied by the Government of India, it was learnt here today.

The Government of India, it is stated were expecting Dr. Soekarno and other leaders in Delhi and had even sent a special aircraft to bring them to Delhi.

"REPUBLIC STILL EXISTS"

Meanwhile, the Indonesian Information Service here expressing inability to confirm the report of the arrest of the Republican leaders stated that even if they had been arrested and Jogjakarta had fallen, it did not mean that the Republic had ceased to exist. "The Republic is still in existence. It has become an integral part of the life of the Indonesian people and is deeply rooted in the heart and soul of the people.

Our guerillas will continue the fight from the jungles and mountains. The Indonesian people will use every means possible to defend their freedom from inside and outside Indonesia. We are convinced that in this struggle, we will get full support of all Asian countries who must realise that the return of colonialism to Indonesia is a menace to peace and a challenge to all freedom loving peoples of Asia. All Asian nations must help Indonesia not only morally but materially. Supported by India and the other Asian nations, we are convinced we will win this war."

Shock For International Conscience

PARIS, Dec. 20 (API): Dutch action in Indonesia of a kind that "whatever may be its justifications shocks the international conscience," the conservative Paris evening paper "Le Monde" said today.

Holland "will be hard put to it to stave off intervention by the United Nations," the paper added.

Plane Sent To Fetch Soekarno Returns Empty

SINGAPORE, Dec. 20 (Reuter): An Indian plane which was sent to Java to take Dr. Soekarno to India returned here to-day empty.

Mr. B. Patnaik, a member of the Orissa Legislative Assembly, alleged to-day that the Dutch authorities at Batavia had deliberately delayed it at Singapore.

The Dutch had already begun their action by then and the Dutch authorities at Batavia turned it back.

Reports from Batavia earlier had speculated that Dr Soekarno and other Republican leaders might quit Jogjakarta in the plane and set up an Exile Government, perhaps, in India.

The plane left Singapore to-day for Bangkok and New Delhi.

Antara, Indonesian Republican News Agency, said that Mr. Patnaik had a clearance to Jogjakarta from the Dutch Consulate in New Delhi but the Dutch Consulate in Singapore held up the plane for 48 hours while consulting Batavia.

WE WILL FACE THE AGGRESSION

CANEBERRA, Dec 19 (Reuter)—The Indonesian Republican Government will call for Security Council intervention in the Indonesian situation, Dr. A. Usman, Republican representative in Australia, said tonight

"We will make an immediate appeal for quick intervention by the Security Council and true democrats and peace loving people throughout the world" he said.

Dr. Usman warned that the Dutch attack would have great repercussion in South East Asia.

Probably our cities and main road will be quickly occupied by the Dutch forces, but we can carry on guerilla warfare almost indefinitely, especially in Sumatra" he added.

He said the Dutch had underestimated the will of the Indonesian people to be free, and contended that the Republic had always been anxious to have the dispute solved by peaceful means.

HOLLAND RECEIVES NEWS WITH GENERAL CALM

THE HAGUE, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—First news of the Dutch action in Indonesia was received with general calm throughout Holland, no where were there any outward signs of excitement.

The Executive Committee of the Trade Union Federation (N.V.V.) has appealed to Dutch workers to continue at their tasks and to take no rash action.

FENNER BROCKWAY'S APPEAL TO U. N.

Mr. Fenner Brockway Chairman of the "Congress of Peoples Against Imperialism" representing democratic movements in Asia and Africa, has sent a telegram to the Security Council urging immediate action to stop the Dutch advance in Indonesia and secure the liberation of Dr. Soekarno, the Republican President, and his Ministers.

POEWOREDJO TAKEN BY DUTCH ARMY

BATAVIA, Dec. 20, (Reuter): In the first 36 hours of the Dutch offensive against the Indonesian Republic, the Netherlands forces lost six killed and eight wounded, according to a Dutch army communique here today.

It did not mention any Republican casualties but confirmed the capture at Jogjakarta of General Soedirman, Commander-in Chief of the Republican army, and reported the capture of Poeworedjo, a small town about 40 miles west of the Republican capital by road.

The town was said to have been taken "with little resistance". No mention was made of action on other fronts, and there was no admission that the Dutch were using heavy weapons or air bombing as had been reported.

The United Nations' Good Offices Committee head-quarters here was today still without news of two committee members and their twelve-man staff who were at Kaliurang, Near Jogjakarta, when the Dutch offensive started.

An official of the Indonesian section of the Dutch Foreign Office flew to Jogjakarta to try to contract them.

DUTCH CONSPIRACY

"Daily Worker's" Editorial On Attack On Indonesia

LONDON, Dec. 20, (Reuter): The Liberal 'Manchester Guardian' and the Communist 'Daily Worker' were the only national British Newspapers to comment editorially today on the events in Indonesia.

Both sharply condemned the Dutch action there.

The 'Guardian' said that when the Security Council meets later today to consider the case it "has a chance to exet its moral authority to save the Netherlands Government from its own folly."

In overriding the Foreign Minister who believed that a basis for negotiation with the Republicans in Indonesia exists, the Dutch Government "has undertaken a responsibility that it cannot afford in a material or in any other sense." It said: "nationalism is not to be put down by foreign force, the use of which plays straight into the hands of those Indonesians who have all along proclaimed the Dutch new deal to be a sham."

The Communist 'Daily Worker', under the headline "murderers and hypocrites" said the Dutch were now out "to destroy every vestige of independence in Indonessia".

"Fortunately Indonessit is not solated. The workers and peasants of other lands in South-East Asia like Malaya and Indo-China are in arms against the imperialists while the mighty advance of the Chinese is shaking imperialism throughout Asia.

Dutch Planes Bomb Bukittingi

BATAVIA, Dec. 20 (Reuter): Bukittingi, Republican capital in Sumatra, was bombed twice yesterday by four Dutch aircraft, according to a local radio report picked up in Singapore last night by 'Antara', the Indonesian news agency.

During the Dutch "police action" in Indonesia last year, the Republicans planned to make Bukittingi an alternative capital from which to continue resistance should Jogjakarta fall.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE NURSES' PARADE

The members of the Nursing Division of St. John Ambulance Brigade turned out smartly at the Annual Inspection Parade of the St. John Ambulance Brigade held at the Cooperage on Sunday.

SPORTS JOTTINGS By R. C. H. Carter

HYPERION STILL DOMINATES NEWMARKET SALES

Horse racing is a fine sport: it is also a very expensive one to follow actively as an owner. The classics and other big races are of tremendous interest, but their ultimate value lies in their ability to add to the worth of winners or placed horses. A race horse owner relying only on winnings to finance his stable would soon have no stable: the sport is based on the sales of successful horses or their progeny.

Horse sales do not hit the headlines, but they make racing headlines possible. In the racing world the first week of December is very important for it includes the Newmarket December sales. This year the value of brood mares and good foals was as high as of recent years, but there was no great demand for second-raters. Good jumpers fetched good prices.

The magic of Hyperion's name showed itself. Any lot by him among brood mares sent bids climbing. The top-priced foal was by Bois Roussel: he fetched 5,000 guineas and looked well worth it.

CENTENARY RACE

The Lincolnshire Handicap will have its centenary race on March 19. The race is one half of the Grand Double—the other leg is the Grand National—and, like the jumping race, the Lincolnshire field will contain no mediocre horses.

New conditions for the race exclude three-year-olds and poor quality older horses. The permanent exclusion of three-year-olds will be of little consequences—the last victory by a runner of that age was 55 years ago, and few have been entered since the Great War. But the restriction of entry to good horses should raise the status of this early flat race.

GENERAL STUD BOOK TO BE REVISED

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association has just had its annual meeting and made its report. At the meeting it was announced that the General Stud Book is to be modified. That very small piece of news will have a profound influence on the sport. What form the change will take is not yet known (the matter is in the hands of Messrs. Weatherby who own the Stud Book) but it will be impossible to please everybody).

The Stud Book has caused more argument than anything else in racing, particularly in recent years. What is this book?

Started toward the end of the 18th century in England, it was the only book of its kind in the world. The original object was to compile a register of the whole produce of every brood mare then known to be worthy of inclusion. For 200 years horses of pure Stud Book descent—"thoroughbreds"—were superior both in racing performances and breeding.

During the present century, however owners of successful horses of untraceable ancestry have clamoured for a revision of the rules of admission, for although most of the racing countries have their own stud books, the General Stud Book of Britain reigns supreme. In the 1913 edition (the volumes are published at four-year intervals) the preface included the so-called "Jersey Act" which laid down the fast rule that no animal could be admitted unless all the ancestors on both sides were already accepted in the earlier volumes.

AUTHORITATIVE GUIDE

The G.S.B. never claimed to be the sole record of fine horses but it has always been an authoritative guide to probable performance.

It will be interesting to see what other lines are to be admitted: meanwhile the report of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association shows the great part being played all over the world by British bloodstock. Hyperion's daughter Hydroplane is a dam of the American record-breaker Citation and nine British-bred horses, including the Aga Khan's Mahmuod, Blenheim and Bahram (all Derby winners) are among leading American sires. The story can be matched from most of the other racing countries in the world.

WHO WILL WIN F.A. CUP?

The eliminating, preliminary, and first two rounds proper of the Football Association Cup have been played off, and the third round on January 8 will see the entry into competition of the star teams of the First and Second Divisions. Nobody can tell which team will win—upsets occur every year—but Manchester United, who won last year, are quite capable of repeating the feat. They are sound, if not brilliant, all round.

Meanwhile, there are but two non-League clubs still with an interest in the Cup—Yeovil and Walthamstow Avenue. Walthamstow must play Oldham again, having drawn 2-2 on December 11; if they win they will be the first purely amateur side to get so far for a long time. Yeovil (like Colchester last year) is not an amateur team.

Professional football has existed for 53 years in England. During that time the F.A. Cup has gone to Southern clubs only seven times, six of those in the last 23 years. Lancashire teams always do well, and Wembley (this season's will be the 21st Cup Final there) may see a battle between London and Lancashire.

OXFORD'S NEW BOXING CAPTAIN

Oxford's new captain of boxing is Christopher de Saram. His father, a doctor in Colombo, boxed and ran for Barts Hospital in his student days, and Christopher's brother John ran for Ceylon at this year's Olympics. His cousin was a double "Blue" at Oxford 14 years ago.

The captain of boxing at Cambridge —Frank Myers—was a pupil at Bishop Cotton School, while de Saram was at the Royal School, Colombo. They meet in the ring next March.

MEASURES TO COMBAT FAQUIR OF IPI'S ACTIVITIES

Liaquat Ali On Watch And Ward System In Frontier

KARACHI, Dec. 20 (API): The Defence Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, stated during question hour in the Dominion Parliament today that the Government of Pakistan did not apprehend that the contemplated expansion of the Royal Indian Navy would result in the domination of Pakistan by India.

MOUNTBATTEN'S REFERENCE TO R. I. N

He answered in the affirmative when asked if his attention had been drawn to Lord Mountbatten's speech at Portsmouth on July 11, 1948, suggesting expansion of the Royal Indian Navy and expressing the nope that India would soon get another cruiser and two aircraft carriers.

TRIBAL UNREST

In a written answer to a question asking "what special measures have been taken to suppress the hostile activities of the Faqir of Ipi". Mr Liaquat Ali Khan, who also holds the portfolio of States and Frontier Regions said: "The loyalty and devotion of the inhabitants of the tribal areas to Pakistan has proved a bulwark of defence against the machinations of the enemies of Pakistan like the Faqir of Ipi. A system of triliner watch and ward is being evolved in which the tribal leaders and their Khassadars and Chigha parties of the people will play their full part in co-operation with the local civil armed forces in each area, supported by units of Pakistan's armed forces in maintaining the peace and tranquillity of this region."

The Defence Minister replied in the affirmative to the question if he was aware that 35,000 cadets of the Indian National Cadet Corps were receiving training under military experts.

EXTRADITION TREATIES

Mr Liaquat Ali Khan said in reply to Dr. Mahmud Hussain that the question of concluding extradition treaties with neighbouring countries like India, Afghanistan and Iran was being examined by the Government of Pakistan. No such treaties had been concluded since the establishment of Pakistan.

Mr Liaquat Ali Khan replied in the affirmative to a question whether the Government of East Bengal had made a representation complaining that more than a lakh of peasants of Eastern Pakistan whose lands had been requisitioned had been given compensative by the Government of India.

Pakistan Consembly Member Faints

KARACHI, Dec. 20 (API): Mr. Abdul Matin Chaudhury, a member from East Bengal, fainted outside the Assembly Chamber here this morning when he arrived to attend today's session of the Dominion Parliament.

Mr. Abdul Matin Chaudhury was removed in an ambulance to the Jinnah Central Hospital, Karachi.

Checking Enticement Of Women

KARACHI, Dec. 20, (A.P.I.): Only 21 members were present in the House when the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan (Legislature) met here at 10-30 a.m. today with the President, Mr. Tazmizuddin Khan in the Chair.

AMENDING KARACHI PORT TRUST ACT

After question time, the House referred to a Select Committee Mr. M. H. Gazdar's Bill to amend the Karachi Port Trust Act, 1886, which had been introduced in the Parliament during its last session.

The Bill seeks to make the Board of Trustees of Karachi Port more representative and also provides for representation of the Karachi Port Haj Committee on the Board.

Mr. Nazir Ahmed Khan (West Punjab) moved two new Bills, one to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1886, and the other to further amend the Indian Penal Code.

The first Bill, seeking to amend Chapter 20 of Schedule II of the Criminal Porcedure Code relating to offences regarding marriages, by declaring certain offences "non-bailable", is intended to check enticement of married women.

The amendment suggested makes the existing law regarding marriage offences more rigorous since the laxity of the present law is deemed to have resulted in many cases of elopement of married women.

The second Bill seeking to amend the Indian Penal Code makes "an erring wife equally liable with her seducer".

The Bill amends Sec. 498 of the Indian Penal Code by adding the following at the end:

"Such woman shall also be punishable with the same imprisonment or with fine or with both".

ERRING WIFE EQUALLY LIABLE

In the statement of objects and reasons, proposing the amendment, Mr. Nazir Ahmed Khan has stated: "There has been a persistent demand in Muslim circles for making the erring wife equally liable with her seducer. Now that Pakistan has been established, our laws should conform as much as possible with the notions of Muslims, who regard the eloping wife equally guilty with her paramour.

The House adjourned till Tuesday.

LINGUISTIC PROVINCES BY INTEGRATION

Jaipur To Become Capital Of Greater Rajasthan Union?

(By G. N. ACHARYA, Our Special Representative.)

GANDHINAGAR, Dec. 20

Jaipur, the mother city of a population of three lakhs, which gave birth to the temporary satellite town of Gandhinagar which was in the limelight during the last few days may again spring into news as the headquarters of great Union of States, comprising of about 130,000 square miles, and a population of over a 140 lakhs, according to reports current here.

There is a definite move, supported by the States Ministry of the Government of India, to bring into being a Greater Rajputana Union. This Union will include the present Rajasthan Union of eleven States, the Matsya Union of four States, the three viable and still independent States of Jaipur, Jodhpur and Bikaner, the border State of Jaisalmer, which is being administered by the Central Government and the Chief Commissioner's Province of Ajmer.

MANY OBSTACLES

There are of course many obstacles to the realisation of this grand project. There is the innate desire of rulers to that aloof, the rival claims to the office of Rajpramukh, the demands of various cities to be the centre and headquarters of the new Union and last, but not least, the unwillingness of sections of the six lakhs of population of Ajmer to be brought under princely rule, even though it be under a system of democratic responsible Government. But Ajmer, a small enclave in the proposed mighty Union, can hardly resist the flood and the state Ministry can always be relied upon to roadroller any princely difficulties. The Government of India, under the inspiration of Prime Minister Nehru and Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Patel is out to redraw the map of India so that the Union will consist of fewer but larger units.

NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY

Negotiations to bring about the new Union were already well under way and were only interrupted by the injuries sustained by Maharaja Sawai Mansingh, the youthful ruler of Jaipur, in an aeroplane accident. Now that he has fully recovered and the pre-occupation of the Congress session is over, the negotiations are bound to be resumed early.

It is inevitable that Jaipur, thanks to its situation, its undoubted capacity to provide the necessary buildings for the Government of the Union and its reserve space nor expansion, will be the centre of the Union. Amongst other things, it has already become the headquarters of the Rajputana University that the aged ailing ruler of Udaipur, who is already the Rajpramukh of the University, some of whose constituent colleges are housed in spacious buildings and new buildings are being put up even now to House the rest.

RAJPRAMUKH FOR NEW UNION

I also reliably learn that the present Rajputana Union will also be the Rajpramukh of the bigger Union. This is a tribute to the Udaipur dynasty, which is directly descended from the famed Rana Pratap. The ruler of Udaipur is also the seniormost Rajput ruler of today.

LINGUISTIC PROVINCES NEW SETUP

In this connection I have gathered from a reliable source that the resolution on the Linguistic Provinces setting up a high power three-man Committee to review the question "De Novo", which was introduced in the last minute and was passed by the Congress session is mooted in the same fundamental consideration that is the mainspring of the move for the formation of a large Rajputana Province.

It is explained that the Linguistic Province question has two aspects to it. The first is the problem of securing Provinces on a Linguistic basis by the process of division and carving out. The second is the formation of provinces by the process of integrating two or three units. This would be true for instance of the Kerala Province, which can come into being by the units of Malabar, Cochin and Travancore agreeing to merge their separate identity. It would also be true of the Karnatak Province, which can only be formed by coalecing the Mysore State with the outlying Kannada-speaking areas of Madras and Bombay. The report of the Dar Commission has disposed off these two issues somewhat summarily oy stating that there was not adequate or authoritative public opinion in the areas concerned about such Union. It appears that since the Commission took its evidence on the subject things have been moving rapidly and a trend has crystallised in favour of such integration. Such a trend is bound to be supported and fostered by the States Ministry.

Hence the attempt to reopen the question. I understand that the Constituent Assembly will not consider the report of the Linguistic Provinces Commission till the present Committee which has been asked to report within three months has concluded its task.

TOJO'S DOOM SEALED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 Reuter).—The United States Supreme Court refused today to interfere with the death sentences on Hideko Tojo, Japanese Wartime Premier, and six other Japanese War Lords imposed by the International Military Tribunal in Tokyo last month.

The Court by a six to one vote decided it had no authority over the Eleven-National Tribunal.

M. P. Patil To Tour Kanara

BOMBAY, Dec. 20 (API): Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Forests and Agriculture will leave Bombay for Harihar, on a tour of Mysore and the Kanara District, on Wednesday, Dec 22. He will return to Bombay on Sunday Jan. 2.

Stop Press

200 MISSING IN IRAN FLOODS

TEHERAN, Dec. 20 (UPA): Press dispatches reported today that 200 persons were missing in floods and snow storms in the Isfahan area of Iran, 250 miles south of Teheran.

ARAB-JEWISH PEACE TALKS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20 (UPA): Arab and Jewish military commanders of Jerusalem met today under United Nations supervision to discuss a peace settlement. Arrangements for safe passage of pilgrims to Bethelhem on Christmas Eve will also be discussed.

First Scandinavia Vs U.S.A. Track Meet

By CORNELIUS RYAN, UPA Foreign Sports Editor

NEW YORK, (UPA): Closely-contested events were forecast for the first Scandinavia versus USA track meet at Oslo next July by Dan Ferris of the Amateur Athletic Union, although Ferris admitted he had not the slightest notion which Americans would make the trip.

"We won't choose our team until after the National AAU championships at Fresno, Cal., and so many things can happen between now and then that it would be foolish to guess the athletes," he said. "Remember, neither Gil Dodds nor Charley Fonville made the U.S. Olympic team, and they held records.

"But judging from the Olympics, Sweden and the other Scandinavian nations have excellent track and field material and of course the Americans expect to maintain their high standard. So it is logical to expect a well-contested meet, no matter who the athletes are."

The indoor season in America, which starts January 5, will not furnish a preview of the Scandinavia-vs.-USA meet, as had been hoped when Henry Ericsson, Lennart Strand and other Swede stars were invited. Neither Ericsson nor Strand could accept, and the only two foreigners who have definitely accepted are Swedes Erich Ahlden and Ingoor Bengtsson. Ahlden was fourth in the Olympic 1,500 meters and Bengtsson fifth in the Olympic 800 meters.

Naturally, American track and field fans are not as interested in seeing Ahlden or Bengtsson as they would be in Strand or Olympic 1,500 meter champ, Ericsson, but the good reputation enjoyed by Swedes generally in distance-running probably will bring spectators out to see the foreign pair.

With Gil Dodds definitely professional as coach of the Wheaton College Track team, the hoped-for Dodds-vs-Strand race never will be run. However, there is a possibility that Harrison Dillard will make the team which goes to Oslo and can run both hurdles and sprints.

"I think that new stars will arise during the 1949 indoor and outdoor seasons, and several of the U.S. team members will be boys who are not yet known outside their own college," Ferris said. "But I will promise that he will send the best team we can get, because our opposition will be good, I'm sure."

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FLAGRANT AGGRESSION

The civilised world is outraged by the brutality of the Dutch in Indonesia who have followed up their week old denunciation of the negotiations by armed aggression against the Indonesians. Dutch spokesmen have openly challenged the right of the United Nations Security Council to interest itself in the matter, and the United Nations is displaying the greatest apathy. It is a disgrace that the emergency meeting of the Council summoned on Monday should have fallen through for want of a quorum. The Dutch aggression was not unexpected. For some time now, it has been rumoured that the Dutch were thinking of reverting to "police action." More recently, it was known that the Dutch would strike as soon as the Security Council adjourned. If the United Nations is to function effectively to prevent aggression and preserve peace, then surely it must be prepared to take more active interest in developments around it. Its own Good Offices Commission had warned that the Dutch decision to set up an interim Indonesian Government without Republicans would set the flame to trouble.

The Dutch have pursued a policy of calculated imperialism. Brought back to Indonesia after the Allies had expelled Japan, the Dutch Imperialists had little strength at home or prestige abroad to establish themselves unaided in their old colony. The Allies were used to reinstate them in power, and the Dutch bided their time. The Indonesians as against their Dutch oppressors had won their independence. Morally, they have everything on their side and the Dutch have nothing other than superior force to command their action. Dutch spokesmen who talk eloquently of presenting their case to U. N. know very well that their nation has depended on the many apparent weaknesses of the U. N. in contravening every canon of international conduct. That is why even the Security Council's authority is challenged

So far as the Dutch are concerned, there is nothing to be expected of a Government which follows up its denunciation of dilatory negotiations by an assault on the other side. The capture of Jogjakarta, the kidnapping of Soekarno, Hatta and other important Ministers of the Republican Government, and the putting up of stooges to run the administration on Dutch-approved lines—these are of the pattern of imperialism. The belief that brute force can give the victory to the imperialists, is a delusion. It is, however, for the Allies of the last war who gave Indonesia back to the treacherous Dutch, who have to declare themselves in this hour of crisis. Now that the Aggressor stands forth in all his menace, the Allies might consider how best they can undo the mischief that they have countenanced.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in his concluding observations at the Jaipur Congress has uttered a grave warning to the Dutch. The consequences of the latest brutality, he has firmly indicated, will be serious and felt throughout Asia. Indonesia has been for three years the spearhead of Asian nationalism. Every Asian nation has expressed its sympathy with the Indonesian patriots who have challenged the tyranny of an Imperial Power. The Indonesian Republic has indicated that it will continue resistance. There can be no doubt of the final outcome of the struggle. The days of imperialism, said the Prime Minister, are ended though some Powers lived in the dead past. It is the tendency of Powers which have themselves given their old imperial methods, to reveal a sneaking sympathy for the Aggressor which vitiates international counsels and blurs the conscience of the world. Pandit Jawaharlal observed that India's deep sympathy with Indonesia did not mean that India would immediately plunge into war. War is not the only or even the best means of settling international wrongs. In fact, the Second World War did drive the Dutch temporarily out of Indonesia without bringing permanent freedom to the People. The immediate task is to move world opinion to effective action. The Dutch must not only be stopped in their aggression; they must be taken out of Indonesia. If the Western Democracies are concerned to check the spread of Communism in Asia as they profess to be, they must move promptly to destroy the menace of imperialism.

Ground For Optimism

A remarkable feature of the Congress session at Jaipur was that no resolution was passed about Kashmir. This reticence of the Congress on a subject, on which there is strong feeling in the country and which is also the outstanding point of difference beween it and Pakistan, was deliberate. It was deliberate because, in the first place, the Congress has full confidence that the Government of India will deal with it in a manner consistent with the honour of India as well as the wishes of the people of Kashmir State and secondly, it did not want to do anything to hamper the negotiations that are now being carried on with the United Nations Commission.

Pandit Jawaharlal, in the course of his speech on the resolution dealing with sufferers from partition, complimented the Congress on its attitude because an intricate problem such as that of Kashmir, in which were involved the happiness, and future of the people of that beautiful land, could not be solved by passing resolutions. We trust the wise and helpful reticence of the Congress will not be lost on the people and Government of Pakistan.

Nor is that the only proof of the earnest desire of India to establish permanent relations of friendliness and mutual co-operation with Pakistan. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, in the same speech to which we have already referred, made a pronouncement which deserves to be studied with careful attention by the people of both Pakistan and India not merely because it is a fresh and striking revelation of that same desire but also because it shows the way to give practical shape to it. Referring to the recent Inter-Dominion Conference Pandit Jawaharlal said that it had gone a long way towards the solution of many outstanding problems But he was mainly concerned to urge that the Press and the Congress should recognise the advance that has been made and should also deal with the psychological problems. Writing the other day on the work of the Inter-Dominion Conference we stated that, apart from the Kashmir problem, much of the tension existing between India and Pakistan was psychological and, to no small extent, the result of wrong information and misleading propaganda of which the public in both countries were the victims. A section of the Press in both countries has contributed, in a considerable measure to the creation of this tension. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was, therefore, right in asking the Press as well as the Congress — his remarks apply with equal force to the Press and political organisations of Pakistan — not merely to recognise the advance made in the solution of the outstanding differences between the two countries but also to face and deal adequately with the psychological problems. He said that he made a special request to the Press for two reasons: "Firstly, because it is a fact that this inter-Dominion Conference registered a considerable advance towards the solution of the problems which had agitated and troubled us for a long time. Secondly, I do not understand the attitude taken up by some either in the Congress or in the Press, an attitude of inveterate hostility and inconsiderable pessimism. We should not be optimists when there is no room for optimism. Likewise we should not be pessimists at a time when there is no occasion for it." At the present moment though there are still troubles and problems facing us, there is every reason to hope that a new and hopeful atmosphere has been created which gives an assurance that even these troubles and problems may soon be things of the past.

Pandit Jawaharlal drew attention to one vital decision of the Inter-Dominion Conference. This was that the responsibility for protecting the lives and property of the minority communities and for safeguarding their civic rights and ensuring justice to them vested on the Government of the Dominion in which the minorities resided. He suggested that leaders of each Dominion should make a public declaration on every suitable opportunity reiterating this fact. This will be one of the most effective way of putting a stop to migration of people from one country to another, especially the exodus from East Bengal.

As Pandit Jawaharlal said, it was nothing but a nightmare to think of fifteen million people from East Bengal marching across the border into India along with all the attendant dangers of want and starvation. At all costs this should not happen and Pandit Jawaharlal has declared that the Government of India has decided that such a calamity should be avoided. It is true that, to a very large extent, it is in the hands of Pakistan to create conditions for avoiding it. But, Pandit Jawaharlal did not hesitate to say that India, too, had to help by creating similar conditions. "Doubts and accusations of disloyalty" he said, "would not help a solution of the problem" which, in essence, is psychological. By his frank and clear pronouncement Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has made an invaluable contribution to its solution.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 20 (UPA).—Informed sources said yesterday that armistice negotiations between Israel and Transjordan are expected to be resumed on or about Christmas. Talks would be held at Government House on the Hill of Evil Counsel overlooking Bethlehem, according to these sources.

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The Dutch Foreign Minister, Mr. Sikker, explains the Dutch action in Indonesia as provoked by violent threats against "anyone desiring to accept the honesty and loyalty of Dutch acts in favour of Indonesian freedom."

Mr. Sikker failed to state how many Indonesians were showing such a desire. Presumably after the latest demonstration of Dutch "honesty and loyalty", he hopes for many converts to his view.

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The Soekarno Government has been condemned by the Dutch for seeking to dominate the whole of Indonesia and for terorrising all who resist the attempt.

Quite. How dare the wretched Republicans try to usurp the prerogative of their imperial masters?

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"Portuguese India will always be Portuguese," said Commander Mendonca, Governor of Portuguese India, on leaving Lisbon for Goa, "I am very confident of the destiny of Portugal, in which our beloved Portuguese India is included."

But if Portugal is destined to lose Portuguese India? The poor Commander-Governor seems to have spoken just to reassure himself that he is coming out to a charge which has not already ended.

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Following on Australian Cauldwell's insistence that immigrants to Australia should be of 70 per cent European blood and preponderatingly European in appearance, the Mississipi Court has gone one better. David Knight was "ruled part Negro and sentenced to five years in the State penitentiary for marrying a white woman." To be ruled Negro, Mississipi law requires a person to be proved to have at least one-eighth Negro blood.

Seeing that earlier up in history David Knight's one-eighth blooded ancester had contracted marriage with someone who was one-sixteenth blooded, the penalty is too mild. But the U.S.A. has started well in implementing the Human Rights Charter, Article 17 (1) of which specially allows freedom of marriage, regardless of race or creed.

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Members of the American medical profession has recomended that alcoholism should be treated as a disease not as as a crime.

The report published in Indian newspapers is apt to cause misunderstanding among those who in the past secured liquor permits against doctor's certificate.

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Speaking at the Mahim Goodwill Association, Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, Speaker of the Indian Parliament, observed that Goodwill alone will solve the world's problems.

We should have thought the world's biggest problem was how to get good will translated into good deeds.

U.S. LAUNCHES NEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST HEART DISEASE

Causes More Deaths In America Than Any Other Ailment

A new offensive against heart disease, which causes more deaths in the United States than any other ailment, is being launched by the new National Heart Institute at Bethesda, Maryland. The Institute was set up under the National Heart Act, passed by the United States Congress and empowering the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) to begin a special research campaign on diseases of the heart and circulation.

Institute officials report, a survey is now being held throughout the United States to determine the needs of medical schools for Federal financial support to build additional necessary research facilities, provide additional research activities, and promote and integrate instruction in heart diseases.

RESEARCH WILL STRIKE AT CORE OF PROBLEM

Dr. C. J. Van Slyke, Director of the National Heart Institute, says:

"The National Heart Institute, by conducting, supporting and encouraging heart research, will strike at the core of the problem. By developing effective heart control programmes in co-operation with public health agencies, it will translate knowledge to action. By integrating its work with that of voluntary organizations such as the American Heart Association, it will join forces with all others in the total United States fight against heart disease".

Officials of the Institute recently announced that the National Advisory Heart Council, which serves as an advisory body to the Surgeon-General of the USPHS in carrying out the provisions of the National Heart Act, will meet during December to review concrete proposals for Federal research, training and construction grants. The Council will certify for approval those projects which show promise of making valuable contributions to knowledge of the causes, prevention, methods of diagnosis or treatment of heart disease.

The Council is authorized to act on research projects or programmes relating to the study of heart disease; on applications for grants-in-aid for heart research projects from any university, hospital, laboratory or other institution, public or private; and on applications from any public or other non-profit institution for grants-in-aid for training, instruction, and traineeships in such matters.

COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL

The Council, which met for the first time in September, is composed of 16 members. Six are outstanding authorities in the study, diagnosis or treatment of heart diseases, six are leaders in the fundamental or medical sciences, in education or in public affairs, and the remaining four are ex-officio members representing the USPHS, the Army, the Navy and the United States Veterans Administration. The executive director of the Council, Dr. Paul D. White of Boston, Massachusetts, is one of the world's foremost cardiologists.

Institute officials point out that the National Heart Act empowers a broad-scale programme of attack on heart disease through four general methods: the conduct of research, investigation, experiments and demonstrations relating to the cause, prevention, and methods of diagnosis and treatment of heart diseases; the promotion of research by public and private agencies and the co-ordination of such research; provision for training in matters relating to heart diseases, for physicians and others; and assistance to States and agencies in matters concerning the disease.

The National Heart Institute is the instrument for this broad programme. Institute officials said the USPHS has made available $3,000,000 for heart research during the fiscal year which began July 1, 1948, and the scope of the programme is to be further increased as funds become available through Congressional appropriations. —USIS.

FAILURE OF CROPS DRIVES THEM BACK

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 20, (U.P.I.): Owing to the failure of the kharif crops and the consequent high prices of foodgrains in the Marathi-speaking districts of the State, many Hindu refugees, who had sought shelter in Berar and C P. and had returned to their homes after the police action, are going back from the State again, said Mr. Govindas Shroff, a prominent Congress leader, who toured some of these districts recently, in an interview to the United Press of India, today.

Mr. Shroff suggested that the Government should not collect levy in the affected districts but they should rush foodgrains to the scarcity areas to prevent the exodus of villagers on this account.

EMPRESS MILLS CLOSE DOWN

NAGPUR, Dec. 20, (API): The closure of five textile mills belonging to the Empress Mills group for an indefinite period was announced this afternoon, following the persistent refusal of workers in the Spinning Section to turn up for work for last four days.

The mill management in a notice put up today made it clear that it would consider the possibility of reopening the mills only when sufficient number of workers in the Spinning Section indicate their willingness to resume work and abide by the terms of the Industrial Tribunal's two awards dealing with work allocation and wage increases and dearness allowances for textile workers.

SCINDIA'S THIRD SHIP LAUNCHED

VIZAGAPATAM, Dec. 19, (API): A simple yet impressive function took place this morning at the Scindia shipbuilding yard when the S. S. "Kutubtari", a small passenger-cum-cargo vessel intended for coastal traffic — the third ship built at Vizagapatam — was launched.

The cocoanut was broken by Mr. I. N. Wankawala, resident representative of Scindia shipyard.

The S. S. "Kutubtari" which has a displacement of 624 tons, is intended for the Chittagong— Cox's Bazar—Mungdaw run. She can carry 632 unberthed and 14 cabin passengers 280 tons of cargo.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Sovereignty Of The People

Not the least important of the resolutions passed by the Jaipur Congress was that on the Indian States. The resolution, while welcoming the process of integration of the States into the Indian Union, trusted that all feudal relics and impediments to the free development of the people would be removed. When the Congress fought for the freedom of India, it intended that on every inch of the soil of India the people's sovereignty should prevail. The accession of all Indian States to the Indian Union is a proof that this principle has prevailed. It is true that there are some States where full responsible government has not yet been established. But, as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel has pointed out, this is so not because of the rulers' autocracy but because of the lack of adequately competent personnel among the people or dissensions among their representatives. Even so the Rulers, in all these States, Sardar Patel said, are acting in accordance with the wishes of the people. Some discontent was expressed in the Subjects Committee of the Congress with the slow progress of responsible government in some States and maladministration in some others. The people of these States may rest assured that in the States Ministry presided over by Sardar Patel they have the stoutest protector of their interests. It has achieved a revolution by integrating all States into Indian Union and it is pledged to remove all impediments in the way of their free and full development.

No More "Mela" Spirit

All accounts agree that the Jaipur session of the Congress, from the spectacular point of view, was the most imposing and impressive one that has yet been held. It should now be the last one of its kind. While the country was still carrying on its struggle for freedom, sessions on such spectacular scale were necessary to rouse the enthusiasm of the people. Freedom having been won, the problems of using that freedom to promote the best interests of the people have to be discussed in a different atmosphere conducive to reasoned debate and cool judgment. Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru was right when he said in his concluding speech that Congress sessions in the future should not be held in the way the Jaipur session had been held, that the "mela" spirit should end and that the delegates should meet in an atmosphere in which they could consider the important questions placed before them in all their aspects and properly vote on them. We hope the Working Committee will consider this question soon and give necessary directions to the Reception Committee of the next session.

China—The Crisis Deepens

In the confusion that prevails in China today, it is necessary to take all reports with reservation. The latest news that Dr. Sun Fo, Premier-designate, has indicated to the Generalissimo his inability to enter on his office, if correct, indicates that the Generalissimo's policy of no peace with the Communists has won against the efforts of Dr Sun Fo who, immediately after he was offered the Premiership, declared that he would form an Executive independent of Chiang-Kai-Shek and who was regarded as favourably inclined towards a Government of all parties in Nationalist China. Dr. Sun Fo's refusal will naturally throw the Generalissimo back on the less liberal elements, and the policy of China will be determined by Chiang-Kai-Shek's confidence in his army and his army's loyalty to him. For China, as a whole, this is a far more serious situation than the American failure to come up to Chiang's expectations. In next few days, it would be surprising if China, faced with a military regime in fact and in law, decides that the struggle is not worth keeping up.

Wrong Lead

Mr. Fenner-Brockway who has been a devoted British friend of Indian nationalism, has advised this country to break with the Commonwealth and to insist on staying out in the interests of world peace. So far as not being a member of the Commonwealth goes, the advice is superfluous since India is firm in her resolve to be sovereign, independent republic. But the idea that India can develop into a third force between the two major blocs in the United Nations, is a trifle premature. The only third force that can develop strength enough to interpose itself between the Eastern and Western blocs, is the group of small nations that are in the United Nations acting together. These are the South American Republics, the Philippines, the Arab nations, the Asian nations and such of the European countries as can break away from Big Power influence. It is problematic whether these nations can be rallied to a common policy, since the Big Powers have various ways of enforcing its views and can, at a pinch, win over one or other nation with concrete offers. This is not a vague assumption, it is a practical condition which has shown itself more than once on crucial matters. Mr. Fenner-Brockway is right when he says that India's influence in Asia will increase with her leaving the Commonwealth. But it does not follow that it is also necessary to break with the Commonwealth. On this point, which is the only relevant one, he offers no opinion.

The Role Of The Congress

Mr. Fenner-Brockway's thesis that the Congress, which had won Indian independence, could not be the instrument for the development of the country, is difficult to follow. He feels that a national movement uniting all classes cannot run an administration because a Government must necessarily represent some interest or interests. Evidently he is also impressed by the necessity of more than one party in a democratic system. "India" he says, "is in danger of becoming a one-party State." To those, who see things nearer home, this seems a remote danger. It would be useless to seek to force a party system because party government is better than one-party rule. Nor is it an essential of Democracy that at least two major parties should be equally balanced. What exists in America differs from what is seen in Britain. And the Dominions present other variations. It would be futile to attempt duplication of conditions in other countries, here, and India obviously is developing traditions and institutions which, democratic in their principles, are nevertheless different from Western institutions and traditions. For, as far as can be usefully predicted, the Congress is likely to be the main party and its rivals will have to accept that situation. There is no purpose in bemoaning this reality.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

India's National Language

Sir,—At present, there are many responsible persons who suggest the following plan with reference to the "Lingua Franca of the country.—

1. Acceptance of Hindustani written in both Devnagari and Urdu scripts as the language of the State.

2. Urdu script to be taught compulsorily in secondary schools, where the majority of the students know Nagari script, so that, eventually, they will have the knowledge of both the scripts.

3. All university education to be given in Hindustani and not in the provincial language or mother tongue of the people.

As regards enforcing of the Urdu script on the vast majority of the people, in order to appease a minority, which, unfortunately, consists of many fanatics who feel more affinity to Urdu and not to the language of the province where they have resided for generations, is a most reprehensible attempt and will be opposed by many on account of the following implications of acceptance of two scripts by the State:—

1. All Government records and the proceedings of the legislative bodies will have to be maintained in two scripts and in the case of Provincial Governments, in the script of the provincial language, which may be different in some cases. For some years to come, English will retain its present important position and Government records will have to be maintained in English, i.e., in Latin script.

2. This will result in unnecessary waste of energy and money, which, the present Government, facing an economic crisis as it is, can ill-afford, when it is forced to take drastic measures in reducing even the present expenditure, which is bound to increase in future, if two scripts are adopted by the State.

3. Unnecessary hardship to students who will have to learn the following scripts: Nagari, Urdu, Provincial, e.g. Gujarati, Bengali, etc., and, in addition to these, the Latin script as English will have to be taught in secondary schools for at least a few years to come. This is a task of immense magnitude to all except a select few, and is certainly not going to help in raising the standard of general education and literacy, which, as is well known, compares very unfavourably with that of other civilized countries.

The argument most often advanced by the protagonists of the Urdu script is that the knowledge of the script will enable us to understand the cultural heritage and religious beliefs of our Muslim brethren who form not an insignificant minority. Yes, it will enable those who want to make a study of these; but the vast majority have no time to make a study of these subjects. The scholar who is interested in these subjects, will certainly learn the Urdu script and derive the advantages of the knowledge gained thereby. But, no one would, I trust, maintain, that for the sake of these few scholars the vast majority should suffer the consequences enumerated above of acceptance of two scripts—Devnagari and Urdu—for the State language.

As to the suggestion that English should make way for Hindustani, in the university education, I have to state, that, it will amount to nothing more than a change of masters and will not help in making our educational system more efficient than it is at present. All responsible educationists are agreed on the point that a student can grasp a subject far more easily if imparted in the mother-tongue, and suggest that, in future, the education should be imparted in the mother tongue of the student if we are to turn out better stuff from our universities than we are doing at present. In this move of displacing the provincial language from its legitimate position, I see A STRONG UNDERCURRENT OF LANGUAGE IMPERIALISM and this is the only sure way of antagonising the South India and other parts of India where Hindustani is not spoken or understood by many, to the acceptance of Hindustani as the national language. I would like to point out here that as one goes South, Hindi is understood by more, than Hindustani, on account of the fact that it contains more Sanskrit words. Sanskrit being the original language from which all the present provincial languages are derived. Of course, they borrow a few words from the Persian, but the number is not large.

I am of the opinion that every Indian should be able to express any of his thoughts in the national language, be it Hindi or Hindustani. This entails a reasonable knowledge of the national language which can be ensured by making the teaching of the national language compulsory in the secondary school and in the first two years of university education; but, the provincial language must retain its place as medium of instruction in schools and colleges.

I will like to sound a note of warning here. Forcing of an alien language was never accepted by any people, so far, wilfully, and, if attempted at this stage, when the people are far more conscious of their rights than before, will only help in raising a hornet's nest and help in sabotaging thoroughly the commendable attempts at welding the people having diverse cultural backgrounds and linguistic amenities, into a one strong nation—a task never as yet achieved by anybody during the past millennium although our country has seen Emperors of the order of Ashoka and Chandra Gupta Maurya. Let the people, who, overzealous in their attempts at evolving a common national language and agitating for its unanimous acceptance, stop and think. They are manifesting such intolerance towards languages other than Hindustani or Hindi, that, they are doing a disservice to the nation by sabotaging the evolution of a strong and united India.—Yours etc.

CANDIDUS

Congress Objectives And Resolutions

Sir,—The Congress objectives, directions and resolutions thereupon that were discussed at Jaipur are encouraging, indeed, to a lower middle class man. The question is now far and when the spirit of those resolutions will be translated into deed by our Congress Government at Delhi. Inflation is daily increasing and a lower middle class man is crying for relief in taxation. This cry is in the wilderness so far and unless our national Government does something to give some relief to a lower middle class man in matter of taxation, the high talks in respect of our foreign policy and our achievements regarding states' integration will not attract much attention, nor will it be of any avail in removing the menace of "Communists" and "Socialist" in our country. "Fine Words butter no parsnips."

Today the rate of vegetables is about twelve annas a pound. The school and college fees are enhanced. Necessities of life like coal, oil etc are very costly. In the circumstances, a middle class-man is finding difficult to provide even secondary education to his children. Medical education is out of reach of a lower middle class man due to prohibitive fees. In spite of this when at the last year's budget session of the Central Assembly it was proposed by several members including Mr. R. R. Diwakar, now member in charge Broadcasting that no income-tax should be payable on a total annual income which does not exceed Rs. 5,000 on the ground that due to inflation the annual income of Rs. 5,000 could not be said to be a reasonable amount for being taxed, the same was rejected by the Finance Minister saying that it would affect Government revenue and the people should not grudge taxation as the Government could not be run efficiently without revenue derived from taxes.

The Government has now controlled cloth and on examining the prices it is seen that the relief that a poor purchaser derives is very little.

Dr. John Mathai addresses Associated Chambers of Commerce, but nobody looks to the condition of lower middle class people except for asking them to attend to more production to check inflation.—Yours etc.,

K. D. D

Bombay—1

"Collegian"

"The Collegian" published by the Aryan Press, Jail Road, Nagpur, is a fortnightly publication containing articles on topics of interest to college students and youth in general. Besides an editorial and some other regular features, it also runs a series called "Studies in Political Science," in question and answer form, which will be of help to college students.

"Streamline"

"Streamline" Magazine is an interesting addition to Bombay journalism. The December number, of which we have received a copy, contains a topical article on the "Message of Mahatma Gandhi." There are also a couple of articles on the art of the camera. Cinema fans will be interested in the contributions concerning Motilal and Begum Para. The photographs add to the variety of the publication, which is published at 195 Hornby Road, Bombay, and sold at 4 annas per copy.

OPEN AIR

The Dabchick, or Little Grebe, is the smallest of our waterbirds, and it used to be familiarly seen swimming about on the tanks in Bombay. Now, however, with the overcrowding of the city, these little birds have sought the peace of the suburbs and other places further afield and it is rare to see them in Bombay itself. The Dabchick is a brownish black bird, smaller than the coot, and is rather dumpy in appearance. It lives on tanks, spending its life in the water where it feeds on small insects, fish, waterweeds and shellfish. It is a wonderful diver, and disappears under the water at the slightest alarm, reappearing at quite a distance from the spot where it was last seen. For its nest the dabchick pulls together a mass of waterweeds, and there she lays a number of pure white eggs. These soon become stained and brown from the wet weeds, for the parent birds carefully cover them with weeds every time they leave the nest. When the young ones hatch out they are able to swim immediately, and it is a very pretty sight to see the little family of downy black babies swimming along behind their mother, with heads bobbing and inquisitive eyes peering around at the wonderful new world in which they find themselves.

D. R.

WEST INDIES DISMISSED FOR 178 RUNS

Governor's XI Loses Seven Wickets In Second Innings For 147

C. K. NAYUDU TOP SCORER WITH A BRIGHT KNOCK OF 72

NAGPUR, December 20 (API).—When the match between the U.P. Governor's Eleven and the West Indies was continued here this morning, the visitors, who had made 95 for the loss of two of their batsmen yesterday, were all out for 178 runs before lunch. The U.P. Governor's Eleven going in to bat for the second time had scored 147 runs for the loss of seven wickets when the stumps were drawn for the day.

Sensational cricket was provided this morning. The tourists who had made 95 for the loss of 2 wickets at close of play yesterday lost four more wickets for the addition of only 11 runs within 35 minutes of resumption. For this collapse the lefthanded Hiralal Gaekwad and the righthanded Ghulam Ahmed of Hyderabad, who has been included in the Indian side for the third Test at Calcutta, were mainly responsible.

Gaekwad opened the attack this morning with Ghulam Ahmed at the other end and after a maiden from Geakwad, Carew scored a single off Ghulam Ahmed, and then another off the third ball of Gaekwad's second over. Ferguson was bowled by the next ball from Gaekwad without any addition to his overnight score of six at 97, and then Weeke's, who came next was out to the third ball of Gaekwad's third over for a nought caught behind the wickets by Maka without any addition to the total.

The appeal for a catch was upheld with Carew expressing his dissatisfaction by standing his ground until umpire Sane repeated the signal. This was hard lines for Carew for, he had been batting quite confidently for his 37 made in a stay of 103 minutes. Halt the side was now out for 103 runs. Christiani joined Gomez out after scoring a single he was also out to an edged catch to S. Thakur at second slip off Gaekwad at 106. Rickards and Gomez carried the score to 113 when Rickards was completely beaten by Ghulam Amed after scoring 6.

MCWATT DROPPED

McWatt and Gomez when they came together and they started taking short singles despite the bowlers making the ball move considerably. Then McWatt when he was three in a total of 130 was dropped in the gully by C. S. Nayudu off Gaekwad and the batsman celebrated by getting a five as the result of an overthrow when taking a short single. Gomez was shaping very confidently and late-cut Gaekwad through the slips for a four. The Governor's Eleven score was soon passed and then Gomez in attempting to latecut an offbreak from Ghulam Ahmed missed and was bowled for 27 made after 73 minutes batting with the aid of only two fours at 148.

ATKINSON HITS FIRST SIX OF THE MATCH

Atkinson now partnered McWatt and the latter latecutting Gaekwad to the ropes sent up 152 after the innings had lasted 165 minutes. Then Atkinson took a hand in the scoring and lifted Gaekwad to the roof of the Shamiana at long on, for the first six of the match. Runs came steadily but at 171 McWatt who had scored 26 was given out lbw when he tried to hook Ghulam Ahmed to leg and missed.

WEST INDIES ALL OUT FOR 178

Jones brought up the rear but Atkinson was brilliantly taken by C. K. Nayudu fielding at short midon off Ghulam Ahmed for 13 and the West Indies first innings which lasted 190 minutes terminated for 178.

GOVERNOR'S XI MAKES DISASTROUS START

The Governor's Eleven also made a disastrous start in their second innings and lost three wickets before they could wipe off the deficit of 39 runs on the first innings. Mushtaqali and Naidu again were the opening batsmen against the bowling of Jones and Gomez. Jones was bowling at his fastest and at times made the ball rise head high.

Mushtaqali started off in his usual dashing style driving the very first ball from Jones to the midon boundary following up with a single off the fifth but the last ball saw Naidu's off stump sent flying yards out of the ground. Then S. Thakur joined Mushtaqali who next lifted Gomez to the long-on for another four. Then Gomez captured his first wicket. After getting a single Thakur attempted to cut and pulled the ball on to his wicket at 12. Mushtaqali was playing restrained but attractive strokes getting a series of well-placed singles and after Kesari who had come in next, had obtained three Gomez got his second wicket by getting Kesari out lbw at 18. C. K. Nayudu joined Musntaqali and defending dourly left Mushtaqali to do all the scoring. At 27 Ferguson came on in place of Gomez whose two wickets had cost him 11 runs in six overs while at the other end Atkinson displaced Jones whose one wicket had cost him 16 runs. An hour's play found 32 runs on the board with Mushtaqali batting 27 and C. K.

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SCORE-BOARD

U.P. GOVERNOR'S XI (1st Innings)	
WEST INDIES (First Innings)	139
G. Carew c Gaekwad b Ghulam Ahmed	37
J. B. Stollmeyer, st. Maka, b C. K. Nayudu	47
A. Rae lbw Gaekwad	0
W. Ferguson b Gaekwad	6
E. Weekes c Maka b Gaekwad	0
G. E. Gomez b Ghulam Ahmed	27
R. Christiani c S. Thakur b Gaekwad	1
Ken Rickards b Ghulam Ahmed	6
C McWatt lbw Ghulam Ahmed	26
D Atkinson c C. K. Nayudu b Ghulam Ahmed	13
P. E. Jones (not out)	5
Extras (10 byes)	10
Total	178

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/78, 2/79, 3/97, 4/97, 5/103, 6/106, 7/113, 8/148, 9/171, 10/178.

BOWLING ANALYSIS:

H. Gaekwad 31/5/83/4.
K. P. Kesari 3/1/8/0.
C. S. Nayudu 3/0/15/0.
C. K. Nayudu 6/2/15/1.
Ghulam Ahmed 24.1/7/47/5.

U.P. GOVERNOR'S XI (2nd Innings)	
Mushtaq Ali c Atkinson b Gomez	30
Naidu b Jones	0
S. Thakur b Gomez	1
Kesari lbw Gomez	3
C. K. Nayudu st. McWatt b Stollmeyer	72
C. S. Nayudu c Rickards b Gomez	37
Gaekwad c Stollmeyer b Jones	1
Sane batting	0
Extras (1 legbye, 2 noballs)	3
Total (for 7 wkts.)	147

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/5, 2/12, 3/18, 4/56, 5/?, 6/147, 7/147.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Jones 11.4/1/34/2
Gomez 19/8/41/4
Ferguson 6/1/25/0
Atkinson 3/0/4/0
Carew 9/1/22/0
Stollmeyer 6/2/18/1.

Baroda's Easy Win Over Gujerat

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 20 (A.P.I.): Baroda defeated Gujerat in their Ranji Trophy match one hour after lunch on the fourth and last day of the match, today, by 168 runs. Sohoni was the most successful bowler claiming six wickets for 42 runs and Vijay Hazare took three wickets for 27 runs.

Nakhuda and Udayan, who opened Gujerat's second innings, playing dull cricket put on ten runs in 45 minutes play when the latter was clean bowled by Sohoni. Dinesh Medh who joined Nakhuda, was also clean bowled by Sohoni at the same total.

Kishenchand joined Nakhuda. Bowlers continued to have the upper hand and the total advanced slowly to nineteen after seventy minutes play when Nakhuda was caught by Gul Mohamed off Sohoni.

Gujerat's skipper Jyotindra Shodhana joined Kishenchand. At thirty-one Jyotindra was also bowled by Sohoni, the ball just lifting off the bails. Kishenchand, now partnered by Walter, was the only batsman to resist the bowlers and they remained unseparated when lunch was taken at fortyeight.

Soon after resumption Sohoni dealt another blow for Baroda when he had Kishenchand caught behind the wickets at fifty. Kishenchand had scored a patient twenty-one.

Vijay Hazare who was giving excellent support to Sohoni claimed his first wicket when he bowled Walter with an offbreak at sixty-two. Dipak Shodhan and Reshamwalla now came together but the former, six runs later was caught by Gul Mahomed off Sohoni. With Angalia as partner Reshamwalla now began to play aggressive cricket and the score advanced to eighty-eight when the latter was clean bowled by Vijay Hazare. Two runs later Reshamwalla, in attempting a big hit off Amir Elahi, missed and was easily stumped. Jasu Patel and Manu Bhatt came together for the last wicket and Gujerat's innings came to a close for ninety-four when the former was caught by Vichare off Vijay Hazare.

SCORES

BARODA (1st Innings)	211
GUJERAT (1st Innings)	198
BARODA (2nd Innings)	253
GUJERAT (Second Innings)	
Nakhuda c Gul Mohomed b Sohoni	5
Udayan b Sohoni	7
Dinesh Mehd b Sohoni	0
Kishenchand c Nimbalkar b Sohoni	21
J. Shodhan b Sohoni	6
Walter DeSouza b Vijay Hazare	24
Dipak Shodhan c Gul Mohamed b Sahoni	2
Reshamwalla st. Nimbalkar b Amir Elahi	17
Angalia b Hazare	5
Jasu Patel c Vichare b Hazare	4
Manu Bhatt not out	0
Extras	3
TOTAL	94

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/10, 2/10, 3/19, 4/31, 5/50, 6/62, 7/68, 8/88, 9/90, 10/94.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Sohoni 26/5/42/6
Vijay Hazare 28/10/37/3
Amir Elahi 2/0/12/1.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Association Ground

2-45 p.m. Podar vs. Khalsa (Inter-Collegiate League).

3-45 p.m. R.I.N. vs. Reserve Bank (Division II).

4-45 p.m. Ganeshkhind S.C. vs. B.E.S.T. (Division I).

St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel

4 p.m. Lever S.C. "A" vs. St. Xavier's "C".

5 p.m. St. Xavier's Association vs. Panchgani Parsis.

TENNIS

C.C.I. and St. Xavier's Courts

2-30 p.m. Inter-College Tennis Tournament.

Strong Bombay Team To Defend National Table Tennis Title

By Our Table Tennis Correspondent

BOMBAY, Monday.

It is learnt very authoritatively that the following four players have been selected to represent Bombay in the Inter-Provincial Table Tennis Championship that is due to start at Colombo on the 26th instant:

U. M. CHANDARANA (Capt.)
D. H. KAPADIA
H. M. KHANCHAND, and
K. S. COOPER.

Stand-by: O. DYER.

The following women players have, it is understood, been selected to represent Bombay:

MRS. GOOL NASIKWALLA
MISS ENID BOCARRO, and
MRS. MEERA GAJENDRA-SINGH.

Stand-by: MISS RHODA SHROFF.

In addition, SUDHIR K. THAKERSEY has been selected for the All-India Junior's Championship.

D. H. Kapadia, in addition to playing for the Province, it is learnt will officiate as the Manager of the team.

Ossie Dyer, selected as a stand-bye has it is believed intimated his inability to accompany the team.

Khanchand's making the trip is very doubtful, and efforts are being made to get him to accompany the team. In case his place falls vacant, it is very likely permission will be given to the Captain to play young Thakersey as the fourth player.

The team is expected to leave by air on the 24th instant, and in case accommodation cannot be obtained for all of them, a second batch will leave on the following day.

Asian Cricket Conference To Be Held In Calcutta On 5th January

DE MELLO MAY VISIT LONDON TO PERSUADE M.C.C. TO SEND TEAM TO INDIA

BOMBAY, Dec. 20, (API): The Asian Cricket Conference which was mooted by Mr. A. S. DeMello, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, some months ago, for the purpose of coordinating the cricketing activities in India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and Malaya, is to be held in Calcutta early in the New Year, it is learnt.

The Conference as originally planned to be held in June or July this year, but then the visit of the West Indies Cricket Team to India, Pakistan and Ceylon was finalised and it was decided to postpone the Conference to a suitable date during the West Indies Tour.

The Conference is expected to be held on or about the Fifth of January while the official reception to be given to the West Indies Team on behalf of the Board of Control for Cricket in India is on January four, soon after the Third Test match.

The exact date of the Conference will be announced later in consultation with the other participating countries from whom encouraging replies are understood to have been received in response to invitations sent by the President of the Indian Board of Control.

The main item for consideration of the Asian Cricket Conference will, it is understood, be the holding of a Pentangular or Quadrangular cricket tournament, according to the number of countries participating in it. The idea is to hold the Tournament in Bombay for the first three years, the subsequent venues to be decided at another conference.

The Asian Cricket Conference is intended to fill a role in South-East Asia similar to that of the Imperial Cricket Conference among the cricketing countries of the world. It would serve as a medium for the exchange of tours between the member countries and for the coordination of visits of foreign teams so that as many countries as possible could be benefited by any one tour. When the present West Indies tour, for instance, was arranged by India, the Indian Board provided the link for the tour to be extended to Pakistan and Ceylon. The Asian Cricket Conference would perform that function on behalf of these three countries as well as Burma and Malaya.

The idea of an M.C.C. visit to India next year has not been given up in spite of the MCC's decision to cancel the engagement fixed by the Imperial Cricket Conference.

Negotiations are understood to be still continuing, and the President of the Board of Control, Mr. DeMello, plans to visit London again, if necessary, early next year to persuade the Cricket authorities in England to revise their decision.

U. P. WINS BY AN INNINGS IN RANJI TROPHY

GAUHATI, Dec. 19, (Delayed), (A.P.I.): The United Provinces defeated Assam by an innings and 97 runs in the Ranji Trophy Cricket Tournament concluded here today. This was Assam's first participation in the Ranji Trophy. Assam team, which continued their second innings today, the third day of the match, were all out for 118 runs. Inderjit, who was the most successful bowler in the U.P. side captured 7 wickets for 53 runs.

SCORES:

U.P. (1ST INNINGS)—368
ASSAM (1ST INNINGS)—153
ASSAM (2ND INNINGS)

Bullock lbw Inderjit	5
Atkins b Mitra	9
Bose b Inderjit	26
Karamji b Mitra	0
Guharov c Indumohan b Phoolchand	11
Panalajeni c Phoolchand b Inderjit	15
Kettle b Inderjit	16
Sadhu c Ranji b Inderjit	11
Byuynan c Phoolchand b Inderjit	2
Ahmed not out	5
Choudhury b Inderjit	1
Extras	17
Total	118

Bombay Wins University Inter-Group Sports

JUNAGADH, Dec. 19 (API): The Bombay Group won the championship in the Finals of the Inter-Collegiate Group Sports and Tournaments of Bombay University, which began here on 17.

Mr. Khanna of Bahuddin College, Gujarat, secured the highest total number of points. The Bombay Group came first in One Hundred Two Hundred and Four Hundred Metres, Hurdles and Shot Put.

Mrs. Lila Shishankar, wife of the President of the Executive Council of Junagadh, distributed the prizes to the winners.

ENGLAND SNATCHES WIN OFF LAST BALL

First Test With S. Africa Provides Endless Thrills

DURBAN Dec. 20 (Reuter):

In one of the most thrilling finishes ever seen in a Test Match, England snatched a two wickets win off the last ball in the first Test against South Africa here today.

The crowd, cheering every run and every wicket fall, jumped about with excitement as both sides struggled for victory during England's second innings, for a long period during which the outcome was altogether, in doubt.

After dismissing South Africa in their second innings, England were left the task of scoring 128 in 130 minutes, with bad weather threatening to bring play to a premature close.

Batting in the fading light, which was worse than at any time in the match, their wickets tumbled to the fast bowling of 19-years-old Cuan McCarthy playing in his first test.

The score went from 49 for two to 70 for six. Then Denis Compton 28 and Roland Jenkins 22 gave England a fighting chance with a seventh wicket stand of 45. South Africa's hopes of victory leaped again when the next two wickets fell for the addition of only one run. But Alec Bedser (one not out) and Cliff Gladwin (seven not out) stayed together to gain a great victory for England.

The excitement was so tense at the close that the Umpire forgot to signal the leg-bye off Gladwin's bat which brought victory to England off the last ball of the match.

McCarthy in a wonderful Test debut took six wickets for fortythree runs in twelve overs.

The foundation of South Africa's great fight was laid in their second innings by W. Wade and D. Begbie, who took part in a stand of eighty-five for the fifth wicket. Wade getting sixtythree and Begbie forty-eight.

At the close the scoreboard read South Africa 161 and 219.
England 253 and 128 for eight.

NATIONAL LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Heavy Programme Gone Through On First Day

CALCUTTA, December 20 (API):

The National Lawn Tennis Championships of India opened at the Calcutta South Club today.

A card of 30 matches was gone through with only two walk-overs.

Following are the results:—

Vishnu Mohan beat Subir Das 6/1 6/2, Rajen Banerjee W.O.K.D. Bagia M. R. Manno beat K. Kumar Singh 3/6 6/4 8/6, G. Vasant beat Hanif Mannoo 6/1 6/1, D. R. Bhaisn beat S.C. Poddar 6/0 6/2, Edward Abrecht beat J. Hyam 6/0 6/0, B. M. Thapar beat A. Gilani 6/3 6/1, H. C. Dutt beat B. Hammond 6/0 6/1, Afsar Hussain beat N. Roy 6/0 6/1, M. M. Sabharwal beat S. C. Agarwa 6/0 6/0, K. B. Madan beat C. A. Goelho 6/1 6/4, S. Arakie beat K. R. T. Mackenzie 6/2 9/7, Yatish Prasad beat R. H. McLeod 6/4 6/4, A. K. Mitter beat Rajeswar Kumar 1/6 6/2 6/2, J. M. Kantawala beat S. Bose 6/0 6/3, T.A. Rama Rao beat Maharaja of Cooch Behar 6/0 6/4, A. B. Mahanti beat Y. Nageshwara Rao 6/4 6/4, M. V. G. Apparao beat E. N. Gregory 7/5 6/3, Ivan Alexy beat P. K. Sen Gupta 6/3, 6/1, D. N. Capoor beat C. Srinivasan 0/6 6/1 6/1, Kunwar Mahindar Singh beat M. Cariapa 7/5 7/5, M. Leening beat A. Arakie 7/5 9/7, S. M. Maroof beat S. Mullik 6/4 7/5, J. A. Withnell beat S. N Raina 4/6 6/3 6/2, J. E. Tew beat G .Narayan 6/4 2/6 7/5, S. C. Misra beat B. K. Sen 6/2 7/5, G. Dey beat Dilip K. Singh Roy 6/2 6/0, G. Birla beat N. Pruska 6/2 6/1, and, S. T. Thadani W.O.W.S. Michelmore.

Bengal Tennis Tournament Concludes

CALCUTTA Dec. 20 (API):

The Ladies Doubles Final the last item in the Bengal Lawn Tennis Championship was played today when Mrs. K. Singh and Miss Woodbridge defeated Mrs. Mody and Miss Khanna 6—3, 6—4.

What Action Will Board Of Control Take?

EVERY SPORTSMAN SHOULD CONDEMN W.I.S.C.A.'S REFUSAL TO CONTINUE PLAY

By G. B. RELVANI, Our Staff Correspondent

BOMBAY, Monday.—The unsportsmanlike behaviour of the Western India States Team in not going out to field after lunch against the Maharashtra Eleven on Saturday last in the Ranji Trophy match at Poona was most deplorable and is likely to drag the fair name of Indian sportsmanship into the mire.

That such a thing should happen during the playing of our National Cricket Championship is all the worse and definitely not in keeping with the great sportsmanship that the famous "Ranji"—after whom our National Tournament has been named—stood for. Refusal to go out to field after the opponents have passed one's total by a great margin, and to demand batting by threatening refusal to play is a story that reminds one of primary school days, and not of first class tournament of the importance of the Ranji Trophy.

The Western India States Eleven have certainly made us hang our heads in shame before the sporting world. Sportsmanship demands that the game be played till the very last, even in the face of heavy odds, in the true sense of the word.

Unfortunately this display of rank bad sportsmanship on the part of the WISCA deprived our 28-year-old B. B. Nimbalkar of achieving what the rest of the world has been trying to for nearly two decades—of breaking the individual record of 452 (not out) established by the wizard of the willow, Don Bradman. Nimbalkar with an unbeaten 443 to his credit had as good as broken the record, and India would have been proud of the fact that one of her sons had shattered the world's highest individual score record.

It will be years before anyone, more so a countryman of ours, will come anywhere near an inch of breaking this world record.

The Umpires' remarks in the scorebook, that the WISCA "refused to play after lunch on 18/12/48" should serve as the basis of an immediate inquiry by the Cricket Board of Control, and severe punishment should be meted out to the affiliated Club that could not accept defeat with good grace, and specially against the Captain of the side, who according to reports is aid to have expressed his side's willingness to continue the game only if they were sent in to bat. Such teams had better be out of a National Tournament in which defeat or victory should play a secondary part and the desire to play the game in the true sportsmanlike spirit, the prime consideration.

It is not every day that a cricketer comes to within nine runs of a long-established world record, and with such a golden opportunity right at his doorstep, one can quite understand the feelings of young Nimbalkar.

ST. XAVIER'S "B" WINS IN PAREL, HOCKEY

BOMBAY, Monday:

Playing on their own ground the junior string of the St. Xavier's College accounted for the second outfit of B.B. & C.I. Rly. by the odd goal in three in the Senior Division of the Parel Hockey League this evening at Parel.

Crossing over with level terms the Collegians drew first blood through G. D'Souza and L. D'Costa consolidated their position while A. Pereira reduced the margin for the Railway.

Earlier in the evening "Times of India" 'B' and Bhimraj S. C. shared two goals in the First Division of the same League. Hopkinson scored in the first half for "Times of India" while Bhimraj equalised through Tambe after the interval.

In the first game of the evening St Xavier's H. S. beat Little Flower H. S. by two goals to nil in the Fr. Palacios League. The scorers were M. D'Souza and C. Le-febour.

SECOND DIVISION GAMES

Two matches were played in the Seceond Division of Parel League at the G.I.P. Rly. Ground, Parel.

In the first game Firestone beat St. Xavier's "D" by a solitary goal scored by Francis. While in the second Khatau S. C. beat Young Christian by the odd goal in three. Braganza scored both the goals for the winners while P. Rautler scored for the losers.

Inter-Services Bombay Area Sports Finals

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Finals of the Bombay Area Inter-Services Sports Meeting will be held at the Brabourne Stadium, commencing from 14—00 hours to 18—00 hours on Thursday the 23rd Dec 48.

The elaborate programme consists of many Atheletic events including Malkhamb and wonderous physical training displays.

The teams competing represent Royal Indian Navy, Indian Army and Royal Indian Air Force units installed through out Bombay Presidency.

His Excellency Raja Sir Maharaj Singh Governor of Bombay and Rani Maharaj Singh have kindly agreed to attend and Rani Maharaj Singh has kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the successful units.

The bands of the Royal Indian Navy, Royal Bombay Engineers Centre RIE, Indian Army Medical Corps Centre and RIAF will be playing on the occasion.

Maj. Gen. D S Brar O.B.E. G.O.C. Bombay Area wishes that Public of Bombay should not fail to witness this colourful display of the Armed Forces Sports.

The special enclosure has been reserved for the Secondary and primary school going children of this city, with the intention that they should get the unique opportunity of watching this Inter-Services Sports Meeting.

Inter-College Tennis In Bombay

WOMEN'S SINGLES TITLE HOLDER EXTENDED

BOMBAY, Monday.

Most of the matches on the opening day in the Inter-College Tennis Tournament were one-sided, only the one between the first strings of the Elphinstone and Podar was fought over the extra games. The former winning by 7-5 in each of the two games played.

The evening's most interesting match was the one between Miss Nirmala Gopaldas (G.S.M. "A"), the holder of the Collegiate Women's Singles Title, and a new-comer in Miss Ramola Bhandari, who played as the second player of the Elphinstone. Utilising her good service as well as her forcing forehand drives, last year's champion ran away with the first set at the expense of only two games. The second set however saw both the players indulge in far too many mistakes and the Elphinstonian levelled the set score. Miss Gopaldas however made no mistake in the deciding set and won the match again giving away only two games.

The following are the results:—

MEN'S SINGLES

Veterinary "B" w.o. Bhavans "A"; E.C. and R.I.S. "A" (B. R. Mallapur) beat Podar "A" (A. R. Kavarana), 7-5, 7-5; St. Xavier's "A" (R. K. Umrigar) beat Siddharth "A" (V. C. Chhaya), 6-1, 6-2; Ismail "A" (A. H. Sayeed) beat Jai Hind "A", 6-1, 6-2; Sydenham "B" (M. R. Desai) beat G.M.C. "A" (Shahani), 6-4, 6-0; Ruia "B" (Shah) beat G.S.M. "B" (M. R. Chaudhary), 6-4, 6-2; St. Xavier's "B" (J. K. Umrigar) beat Wilson "A" (J. E. Cawasjee), 6-2, 6-2; Ismail "B" (A. Z. Khazanwalla) w.o. Bhavans "A"; Podar "B" (A. T. Mansukhrai) beat Sidharth "B", 6-2, 6-1; E.C. and R.I.S. "B" (Pratap Singh) beat G.S.M. "A" (B. R. Mehta), 6-4, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

G.S.M. "A" (Miss Nirmala Gopaldas) beat E.C. and R.I.S. "B" (Miss Ramola Bhandari).

G.I.P. RLY. "B" EXTENDED

Bombay Hockey League

BOMBAY, Monday.

In today's First Division game on the B.P.H.A. ground G.I.P. Rly. "B" gained a two nil victory over the Lusitanian's second string.

There was little to enthuse over, but for the fact that the Lusitanian's defence managed to keep their goal intact during the first half of play and only during the second half the Railwaymen exerted greater pressure and scored two goals. R. D'Souza and Sullivan were the goal getters. The Lusitanian's Youngsters gave a good account of themselves throughout and combined well but the experienced side came out successful in the end.

SECOND DIVISION GAME

Earlier this evening in the Second Division fixture which was quite an evenly contested game.

Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana beat Young Sports "B" by three goals to nil. Young Sports "B" were unlucky in the goal area as they tried desperately to score. Athaide, Almeida and Rego were the goal scorers, for the Willingdon C. Gymkhana.

SUNDAY'S RACES

Entries For 7th Winter Meeting

The following are the entries for the Bombay races, seventh winter meeting to be held on Sunday December 26th:—

THE INDIAN 1,000 GUINEAS (Terms—Indian Fillies, 3 Yrs Old.).—1 Mile

Shown On, Liberty Belle, Sweet Maryla, Ironside, Shubh Luxmi, Ma Cherie, Kalpna, Aroma, Dulari, Midinette, Brave Anna, Fitna, Arowhena, Parastan, Big Hearted, March On, Lady Chief, Peggotty.

THE BARODA CUP (H'cap, Horses C II)—1 Mile.

Navvara, Pramila, Ramal Goodwill, Doorani Maya Devi, (late Princess Maya late Pice), Bramford, Full House, Raj Dcot, Repartee, Crystal, Near Image, Fie, Boop's Fancy, Simon's Sister, Kirti, Royal Crusader, Jeanne d'Arc, Rajput Warrior, Oriental Spotlight, Kunigal Star, Maduri, Star of Mahad, Jawahir, Zam Zam, Rim Jhim, Post Master.

THE VIRAR PLATE (H'cap, Indian Horses, C III)—1 Mile.

Diniar, Maslie, Grace, Dragon Seed, Futurity, Aman, Stylish Lady, Bhopal Star, Baaz Bahadur, Happy Go Lucky Pom Pom II, Paramount Power, Chin Up, Here Again, Truman, Pride d'Antibes, Adeline, Sohni.

THE KARACHI PLATE (H'Cap, Indian Horses, C IV).—7 Furlongs.

Merry Windsor, Windsor Knight, Rana Pratap, Bronzewing, Lady Cleopatra, Gentle Whisper, Blue Mist Bhizala, Crescent, Rashtrapati, Fantasy, Pound Note, Hikmet, Clitheroe, Hercules, Hurry On, Khundil, Mandil, Gori, Wodo Nymph, Gold Ribbon, Put All, Pan Supari, Pataka, Patent Bid, Princess of Hindustan, Bold Bandit, Azad Hind, Masked Player, Gay Pilot Saita, Tantalum, Cocktop, King Seridan.

THE KANARA PLATE (H'cap, Indian Horses, C V. Winners)—About 1¼ Miles.

Rang Rao, Down South, Court Dancer, Golden Square, Home Spun, Pearl Mahal, Panditji, Battling Admiral, Robin Adair, Valiant Prince, Blue Lotus, Army and Navy, Miss Rutty, Brilliant Sunshine, Ginger Lady.

(This race to be ridden on even terms by Apprentice Jockeys who have not ridden 10 or more winners.)

THE SAPHALA PLATE (Terms: Indian Horses, 3 yrs old only, C V. Maidens)—5 Furlongs.

Marlow, Asoka, Fair Rose, Shivneri Fowzia, Little John Puppet, Yes, Hind Vijay, Rubayat, Plain Ena, Gay Fire, Reuter, Jam Jam, Adorable, Kotidhwaj, Shahistah, Vagabond Prince, Untamed Price, For Ever Amber (late Kattle Aaral, Sarojini, Winning Star, On and On, Sweetie Shah, Daisy of Ramgarh, Miss Primrose, Midinette, Who Knows, Malhar, Gurjari, Marvel Sunlight, Gipsy Flower, Excellent, Toto, Titina, Sir Galahad, King's Star, Abdel, Amin, Leading Lady, Steve, Parastan, Shah of Iran, Dark Roy, Jai Malhar, Gwalior Express.

This race will be divided into two divisions.

One division to be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE GHOLVAD PLATE. (Terms—Indian Colts and Geldings, 2 yrs old only, C V, Maidans).—5 Furlongs.

Pelion, Chandrajeet, Lerins, Joe Louis, Bosilian, Won Thousand, Lochinvar, Triple Alliance, Flying Call, My Will Treasure Toy, Summer Lightning, Tarey, Desert Knight, Reform, Prince of Mahad, Furat, Trumpeldor, Kennereth, King of Diamonds, Chand Chakor, Deuce of Clubs, Onslaught, Tawaqul, Manzoor, Pride of Hindustan, Play On, Aarzu, Makarpura, Bihari, Par Excellence, Lake Success, Gang Bhup, The Conqueror, Reshone, Even Money, Heartbreaker, Shahm Fredoon.

This race will be divided into two divisions.

Both divisions to be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

VETERAN CRICKETER RAMJI PASSES AWAY

RAJKOT, Dec. 19 (API): Ramji, a veteran Indian Cricketer and brother of the late Amarsinhji died here this afternoon after a long sickness.

Ramji, who during his days was known as "speed merchant and champion bumper of India", though he had to retire from active cricket due to physical disability, had been taking keen interest in cricket affairs and was a member of the Saurashtra Sports Federation.

The Sportsman's Sportsfolio

Was Wisca Right In Refusing To Play?

BY J. C. MAITRA

C. C. I. TO ENGAGE 'PROS'

Everybody must have been pleased to hear from Sir Homi Mody, President of the Cricket Club of India, that his club was going to engage some professional players in the near future. This is a step in the right direction. Unless our star players are assured of a remunerative career they cannot be expected to rise to the zenith of their ability and capacity and maintain their form for any length of time. Nor can they devote the time and energy necessary for the development of the game to the highest limits. Some of them have been hired to the Lancashire League in Britain to make a handsome living there. The latest recruits are Vinoo Mankad and Vijay Hazare. The offers they have received are tempting enough for them to leave their homes, of course these jobs would not come in the way of their playing in India. But how can anybody go on playing strenuously throughout the year? If the C.C.I. can retain the services of such men for coaching younger players, they would be rendering a distinct service to Indian Cricket. Would other prominent clubs and associations follow them?

NIMBALKAR'S UNIQUE EFFORT

One can easily appreciate the anxiety of Maharashtra to throw old records by the board when it was well within their power to do so. The first was an individual batting record of the world. Bhan Saheb Nimbalkar was within 9 runs of Don Bradman's figure of 452. And the second was the aggregate tally of 912 set up by Holkar against Mysore last year.

DHUN GUARD SETS NEW RECORD

100 Kilometre Time Trial Cycle Race

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Dhun B. Guard established a new record for the Swastik Cycling Club today, in the 100 Kilometres Time Trial race, from Kemp's Corner to Bhivandi and return.

Eleven cyclists participated in this strenuous event and Guard, despite the fact that he had to dismount twice for massage when he got cramps in his legs, rode strongly to finish ahead of other competitors in the smart timing of 3 hrs. 3 mts. and 42 seconds. The old record has been thus bettered by 7 minutes. Pavri was second with 3 hrs. 5 mts. and 52 seconds.

The following are the full results:—

D. B. Guard (3-3-42), H. J. Pavri (3-5-52), Bob Damri (3-10-52), J. Abreo (3-19-22), K. Printer (3-21-22), Hakim Moosa (3-23-42), Keki Chindhi (3-29-17) and R. Mottabhoy (3-40-42).

Geri Wilson, who also participated got an attack of cramps in his stomach on his return journey near Ghatkopar while R. P. Elavia met with an accident at Shivaji Park doing a curve at full speed.

A. Menzes was disqualified for 'unfair' riding.

YOUTH MISSING SINCE TWO WEEKS

BOMBAY, Monday.

Badriprasad Tiwari, Hindu Bramhin, aged about 18 years, height about 5' -8", wheat complexion, slim build, smart in appearance, when last seen was wearing a woollen coat, shirt, trousers.

He left the residence of his father at Jubbalpore on 5-12-48 and is said to have come down to Bombay to join some film studio as an "Extra".

Any information regarding the whereabouts of this youth may please be communicated to Inspector Sami of the C.I.D. who is available on Police Exchange Tel. No. 39811 Ext. 275.

If the informant so desires, his identity will not be disclosed and information treated with absolute secrecy.—Police News.

Identity Of Murdered Man Not Known

The murdered body of an unknown Hindu, aged about 25 years, dark complexion, thin build, trimmed moustaches, black hair, two small scars below the end of th eright eyebrow, wearing a new white shirt, with breast pockets khaki trousers, black leather shoes with 12 stab wounds on the chest back and both arms, was taken charge of by the Santa-Cruz Police Station on the 2nd December 1948.

In one of the pockets of the shirt a bunch of 3 keys tied in a string was found.

Police enquires so far failed to establish the identity of the dead man. A photograph of the dead man can be seen in the office of Inspector Sami of the C.I.D. Head Police Office. Any information leading to the establishing of the identity of the dead person will be gratefully received by the Police.—Police News.

BIG CRIME TRIAL OPENS AT THANA

99 Alleged Dacoits Placed Before Special Judge

BOMBAY, Monday.

A SPECIAL JUDGE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY UNDER THE PUBLIC SECURITY MEASURES ACT, TOOK HIS SEAT AT THE THANA COURT ON MONDAY. MR. D. K. PATIL, ASSISTANT SESSIONS JUDGE, SATARA, WHO WAS SPECIALLY APPOINTED FOR THIS PURPOSE, HAS BEFORE HIM 99 PERSONS CHARGED FOR BEING MEMBERS OF FOUR CRIMINAL GANGS AND 22 FOR BEING RECEIVERS OF STOLEN AND LOOTED PROPERTY.

One of the arrested persons died during the course of the investigations, which lasted well over a year and took the police to all parts of India—places as far spread out as Simla, Delhi, Aligarh, Cawnpore, and Pratapgadh in the North, and Tinnevelly, Madras and other places in the South.

The Bombay Police have charged the men with complicity in 21 dacoities and 35 housebreakings and thefts committed in Greater Bombay, Thana, Poona and Nasik Districts. The gangs are described as members of tribes known as Kanjarbhats, Kaikadi, Fasepardhi and Pasi. The 99 persons arrested are said to include nine women whose role was that of scouts.

The police claim that during various raids carried out by them in Sholapur, Dharwar, Bijapur, Panchmahals, Nasik and Poona Districts, they have so far recovered Rs. 50,000 worth of stolen property, of which Rs. 20,000 of property has been identified so far, by different witnesses as the property removed from their houses during dacoities and house-breakings. All the 22 persons arrested for being receivers have been identified as Marwadis.

As a result of an epidemic of dacoities, often accompanied by violence which broke out in the North of Greater Bombay during the first half of 1947, the Commissioner of Police deputed a Mobile Dacoity Patrol to move about in that area. It was noticed by the Patrol that the 'modus operandi' of the gangs at work, was strangely similar to one another. The usual method was for groups of women members to reconnoitre the ground and make a report to the male members. Then at a propitious moment the men would descend on the house previously agreed upon, and make a dramatic entry, by hurling huge stones at the doors and the windows. This would usually have the effect of subduing any possible resistance. But, if this failed, the men who were armed with knives, daggers, bludgeons and pistols, would beat up the victims, soundly, rob them of everything movable and make a quick-get-away. An incident of this type would be followed by a brief period of lull and the men would strike again somewhere else using the same methods.

The police struck their first blow on the night of September 17. Just a few minutes after the Dacoity Patrol had passed a house on the Andheri-Kurla Road, gangs of dacoits attacked the house, belaboured its men and women, and decamped with a booty of half lakh. Deputy Inspector Kadam, immediately he heard this, raided a camp at Kurla. While it was too early and he could not catch the gang who were responsible, for the latest outrage, he managed to recover considerable property, suspected to be stolen or looted. More property was recovered by raids, of huts and encampments at Dharavi, Mahim, Khar, Kurla, Ghatkopar and Ambernath.

Investigation of the cases was entrusted to the Bombay C.I.D., under Deputy Commisioner Quilter and Inspector Sami, at this stage, when it was realised that the ramifications of the gang were far-flung. On the representations made by these officers to Government, it was decided that instead of trying the men individually on specific charges, it was better and more expeditious to try them by the appointment of a Special Judge under the Public Security Measures Act.

Fifty of the arrested man are being externed from Greater Bombay on the strength of their past records.

MAGISTRATE'S PLEA TO AMEND LAW

"The law should be suitably amended so as to enable the Court to inflict a very substantial penalty upon a dishonest Complainant who had brought about wrongful arrest of another person, and even to sentence him to a suitable term of imprisonment if his conduct warned it."

With these remarks Mr K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court, acquitted F. Ahmed, a resident of a flat in Wilson Gardens, Poona, of the charge of receiving in Bombay Rs. 11,000 as 'pugree' from one Raichand G. Jhaveri.

The accused's defence was that he had been paid that amount for a stock of carbon paper which he had sold to the Complainant, and also as payment for a car and furniture which the Complainant had agreed to purchase.

Severely criticising the conduct of the complainant and Joseph Sopher, a broker, who was a prosecution witness, Mr. Khambatta observed that it was unfortunate that the law provided that the Court in a case could order a complainant to pay to the person whom he caused to be arrested a sum of Rs. 50 only as compensation for the loss of time and expenses incurred by the accused. In a case like the present one, which had caused considerable expense to the accused, the awarding of only Rs. 50 as compensation would be simply adding insult to injury, Mr. Khambatta added.

Mr. Jazul G. R. Khairaz, defended the accused.

MONEY LENDER DONE TO DEATH

Mystery surrounds the death of Saidkhan Kholesakhan, a Pathan moneylander of Sewri, whose body, which was completely mutilated, was found lying in the creek off old Chembur Railway track, Kurla yesterday. The body has been taken charge of by the Kurla police who are making inquiries. So far no arrest has been made in this connection.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, India's Health Minister and delegates and visitors to the All-India Conference of Social Work were entertained at a garden party by the Governor of Madras and Her Highness the Maharani of Bhavnagar at Government House, Guindy, this evening.

COMMUNIST EXTERNED

G. L. Pathe, described as a Communist, was externed from Bombay last week under the Public Security Measures Act. He had been under detention for some time past.

Four other persons, stated to be office-bearers of certain Communist-dominated labour unions, were arrested and detained yesterday by the Labour Branch of the Bombay, C.I.D.

Farmer Commits Suicide

Navji Deoji a 28-year-old farmer of Sar Village, near Santa Cruz, Bombay, is reported to have committed suicide yesterday. It is stated that he had five children and was in financial difficulties as his weekly earnings were Rs. 5 only. Last night he came home dead drunk and hanged himself.

The Police are making inquiries.

SUN FO FORMS CABINET FOR PEACE TALKS

(Continued from Page 1)

bank of the Yangtse, opening up a new threat to Nanking.

Meanwhile the northern front war swept closer to the heart of Peiping Tientsin.

Government troops claimed to have driven off Communists today during sharp engagements only two miles from the city centre.

While defenders withdrew from outlying posts, workmen conscripted by the army began demolishing houses to make way for pill boxes and trenches.

Roused from their beds shortly after midnight, workers were rushed off in lorries, each family having to provide at least one ablebodied man.

REFUGEE STREAMS SWELL

Streams of refugees pouring in from the surrounding war zones were swelled by local inhabitants made homeless by the demolitions.

Government authorities imposed fresh restrictions on public movement in Tientsin, now cut off on all sides.

Sole contact with the outside world was by radio. Even the river linking the city with the sea was unsafe for Government ships.

Chinese papers said Government troops themselves demolished the railway between Tientsin and Peitsang, six miles to the north-east, to halt the Communist advance. Any further withdrawal in this sector would bring the defenders right into the city's central station.

AT PEIPING

In Peiping a bitter four hour battle was reported to have raged during the night just outside the South-Western gate.

Government sources said Communists withdrew after heavy losses.

6 000 RUSSIANS QUIT

Evacuation of 5,000 to 6,000 stateless Russians from the Shanghai area was to begin within 48 hours, a Shanghai despatch said today. About 900 Jewish displaced persons will start their journey to Palestine on Wednesday.

Terms For Aid To Red China

PASADENA, (California), Dec. 20, (Reuter): Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, Economic Co-operation Administrator, back from his visit to China, said here today that he would continue to distribute relief in cities which changed hands in the China war.

New Governments would have to agree to all the E.C.A. conditions accepted by the present Government.

Three of these were he said, protection of eca personnel right of inspection for Americans, right for Americans to distribute information to Chinese about the E.C.A.'s activities.

Mr. Hoffman said that the ECA had at present confined itself largely to distributing food relief.

"We do not want to build public works or factories or new agricultural industries for the Communists to take over" he explained.

Three Alternatives Before Chiang

TOKYO, Dec. 20, (UPA): Chiang Kai-shek himself is the key to the immediate political and military situation in China. The course of events in the weeks to come depends upon decisions which the Generalissimo presently is weighing.

He is believed to be considering three possible courses of action:

Firstly, to resign and leave China.

Secondly, to remain in Nanking as long as possible and fight the Communists to the bitter end.

Thirdly, to take the middle course by delegating most of his power to his Cabinet and, he himself concentrating only upon the military situation.

STRIKE BALLOT TO BE TAKEN IN S. I. RLY.

GOLDENROCK (Trichy), Dec. 19 (API)—The Central Executive Committee of the South Indian Railway Workers Union today decided to take a strike ballot. The Committee which met specially to consider the Nagpur resolution of the All India Railwaymen's Federation, authorised its General secretary to arrange for and conduct the strike ballot in consultation with the President in all its branches from 10-1-49 to 15-1-49.

APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS

Complete Procedure Explained

Despite the issue of Press Notes from time to time explaining the working of the permit system, a large number of applications are being received by the Ministry of Rrelief and Rehabilitation every day from the general public making enquiries in this connection. The correct procedure is once again notified for the information of all concerned.

(1) Permit system is in force only for journeys between India and Western Pakistan.

(2) Indian nationals who want to go to Pakistan should apply for necessary permit to the High Commissioner for Pakistan in India, New Delhi, Deputy High Commissioner for Pakistan in India, Jullundur or to the Permit Officer of the Pakistan Government, Bombay. Any other information in this connection should be obtained from these officials.

FROM W. PAKISTAN TO INDIA

(3) Permits for entry into India from Western Pakistan are of four types:—

(i) PERMITS FOR TEMPORARY VISITS: These are granted by the High Commissioner for India, Karachi or the Deputy High Commissioner for India, Lahor, on application in person by the prospective visitor.

(ii) PERMITS FOR RE-SETTLEMENT OR PERMANENT RETURN: These permits are granted by the High Commissioner for India or the Deputy High Commissioner for India only after personal scrutiny of the application and after a reference to the State or the Province where the applicant intends to reside.

(iii) PERMANENT PERMITS: Government officers and business men, who have frequently to travel between the two dominions on duty or on business, are given permanent permits signed by the High Commissioner for India or the Deputy High Commissioner for India.

(iv) PERMITS FOR RETURN TO INDIA: These permits are granted by the High Commissioner for India after he is satisfied that the applicant claiming to be domiciled in India is staying in Pakistan on a temporary visit or after a reference to the State or Province concerned. Indian nationals visiting Pakistain temporarily are likely to be inconvenienced in obtaining permits for permanent return to India at the close of their temporary visits to Pakistan unless they take a certificate from the Deputy Commissioner or Collector of the district to which they belong, certifying that the applicant is an Indian national and is going to Pakistan only temporarily. These certificates will cover persons going from India. If any members of the applicant's family now in Pakistan, are to return with the applicant, a further certificate should be taken to the effect that such persons are Indian nationals, are not and have not been evacuees from India and there is no objection to their return. The certificate must mention the names, ages, relationship and identification marks of the persons who are to return to India. The 'No Objection' certificate should bear the photographs of the persons who go to Pakistan on short visits. The photographs will be supplied by the applicants at their own expense.

EXTENSIONS IN DESERVING CASES

(4) Persons on temporary visits to India must return to Pakistan before the expiry of the period stated on their permits. Applications for extension of the period stated in the permit should be addressed to the Superintendents of Police of the districts visited by the permit holders, who have been authorised to grant an extension up to 20 days in really deserving cases. Applications for any further extension should be addressed to the High Commissioner for India or the Deputy High Commissioner for India, as the case may be.

(5) Applications for permanent permits by persons who came to India on temporary permits before September 10, 1948 should be addressed to the High Commissioner for India or the Deputy High Commissioner through the Collectors or Deputy Commissioners of the districts where the permit holders are staying.

(6) Applications for permanent permits by persons who came to India on temporary permits after September 10 1948 will not be entertained.

OVER-STAY TO BE PUNISHED

(7) In no case the sanction to the required extension should be anticipated and arrangements should be made to return to Pakistan if no reply is received before the expiry of the period stated in the permit. Those overstaying will be liable to be prosecuted under the Ordinance and sent back to Pakistan.

(8) All enquiries regarding the issue of permits should be addressed to the Provincial or State authorities concerned.

PAK. NEWSPAPER EDITORS MEET

President Urges For A News Agency For Them

KARACHI, Dec. 19. (A.P.I.): Representatives of 59 newspapers and news agencies attended the first annual conference of the Pakistan Newspaper Editors Conference which commenced here to-day. Editors from East Bengal could not attend the conference because of short notice.

After the presidential address a subjects committee of 18 was elected.

A two-hour general discussion followed on the draft constitution of the Pakistan Newspaper Editors Conference.

In the afternoon the Subjects Committee met for two house and is reported to have framed seven resolutions to be moved in the open session to-morrow.

Addressing the open session of the conference to-day the President Altaf Hussain stressed the need for 'contant vigilance in order to safeguard the liberty of the press and to meet determinedly any challenge to its freedom from whatever quarter it may come."

Mr. Altaf Hussain at the same time reminded the editors that the press also had certain very important obligations towards that state and should not deviate from the great responsibility that rested on its shoulders, or from the high standard of journalistic integrity consideration and respect which it expected from the Government and the people.

Referring to the question of reorganisation of the internal and external news services on a national basis the President said: "you are aware that the Associated Press of India is still our main source of internal news supply.

The Press Trust of India has now entered into an agreement with Reuters Ltd., with a view to taking over the A.P.I. It is necessary therefore that similar steps should be taken in Pakistan with view to taking over the A.P.I. in so far as it operates in this country and converting it into a full national concern.

CITY BAN RELAXED

The Police Commissioner has issued an order relaxing the ban imposed on any form of entertainment after midnight, both for Christmas and New allowed to be held till 4 a.m. and hotels will be allowed to keep open till Year festivities.

On both these days dances will be 1 a.m.

Friends Of Burma Society

BOMBAY, Dec. 20, (API): With the object of fostering closer friendly relations between India and Burma an association known as the Friends of Burma Society has been formed in Bombay with Mr. S A. Brelvi as President.

The Society at its first meeting held yesterday decided to celebrate the first anniversary of Burma's independence on January 4.

Mr. M. C. Setalvad, Mr. N. M. Joshi, Mr. Yusuf Meherally and Mr. R. A. Bhimji are among the members of the Committee of the Society.

"Vital Force For Promotion Of Peace And Goodwill"

PROF. KAJI ON INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE CONGRESS ACTIVITIES

BOMBAY, Monday:

Prof. H. L. Kaji, Indian delegate to the 17th International Co-operative Congress held at Prague, Czechoslovakia, said in an interview to the "Bombay Chronicle" that the Congress clearly demonstrated the strength of the co-operative movement as a vital force for the promotion of peace and goodwill in the world.

The Congress, he stated, met from September 27 for three days and, after reviewing the progress of co-operation in all countries, passed many resolutions the most important of which stressed the need for the promotion of co-operative movements in undeveloped countries, the solution of the grave problem of housing shortage and the wisdom of equitable distribution of available supplies of petroleum among all the nations.

There were blocs and camps among the 500 delegates and while regretting this aspect and terming it "unhealthy" among co-operators. Mr. Kaji drew attention to the fact that a resolution on "co-operation as the agent of international peace" was passed with perfect unanimity with not a single dissenting voice.

"All the delegates stressed the absolute necessity for maintaining peace and urged the movement to work towards that end. In these times of grave peril, it was very stimulating and heartening to note the unanimous adoption by the Congress of a special resolution on peace and we hope and trust that the voice of co-operation will be heard and the perils of a third world war will be averted" he said.

Prof. Kaji noted that the Congress was dominated by Consumers' Co-operation. Agricultural Co-operation was sadly neglected. He pleaded that in future conferences all forms of co-operative activity would be fully discussed and given their proper place. It also seemed to him that the delegates were not inbued sufficiently firmly with the tenets of the co-operative ideology.

Prof. Kaji said he made a tour of co-operative organisations in North England, Scotland, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and France. In all these places he observed that co-operation was a highly developed force and very prosperous. An unique aspect was that the State had nothing to do with them and did not interfere in their functions, though the societies were utilised for distribution work wherever controls existed.

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BROTHER AND SISTER MISSING

Parents' Efforts To Trace Prove Futile

BOMBAY, Monday.

A ten-year-old boy and his eight-year-old sister, who were last seen playing in the compound of their residence at Sita Sadan, Shivaji Park, Dardar, 5-30 last evening, have mysteriously disappeared, leaving no trace behind. The father of the children, Mr. P. G. Burgess, Chief Officer, Plant Protection Service, General Motors, who suspects that it is a case of kidnapping has scoured the whole city last evning and night, to find out what happened to his children. A group of seven taxis chartered for the purpose,

Not found since Sunday evening

vainly searched the city last night and came back in the small hours to report that they were unsuccessful.

The only clue so far has been that a taxi was seen going up and down opposite Sita Sadan, sometime before the outrage in a manner which was highly suspicious. It is surmised that the occupant of the so-far unidentified taxi, decoyed the children by offerring them a joyride or some other inducement and drove off.

George Burgess who was ten years old, is dark complexioned and was wearing white shorts and shirt, plastic belt and white canvas shoes, when last he was seen by anyboy, which was at 5-30 last evening.

Edith was described as fairer than her brother, and was wearing a blue dress with flowers, and white canvas shoes at the time. She also wore silver bangles.

Anyone spotting the kids could kindly ring the police or the father whose number is 42081 — extension 97.

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Hightide: 03-30, 15-37
Lowtide: 09-42, 21-22.

Today's Engagements

ROTARY CLUB: Meeting at Green's Hotel, today (Tuesday), at 1-45 p.m., when Rotarian Dr. F. P. Antia, will speak on: "Cement Distribution in India".

BOMBAY ART SOCIETY: Mr. R Chatterjee's lecture tour (for students) around current annual exhibition at C. J. Hall, today (Tuesday), at 4 p.m.

KAHNUMAE SABHA'S LECTURE: Mr. E. N. Randeria of Karachi will speak today (Tuesday), at 6-15 p.m., at Sir Jivanji Mody Hall, Apollo Street, on "Zoroastrian Religion from my view point".

SRI RAMANA SATCHIDANANDA SAMAJ: Ramana Jayanthi, Discourse on "India's Message to the World" by Swami Sambhuddanandaji, President, Shri Ramakrishnashram, Khar, at Bhuta Nivas, King's Circle, Matunga, today (Tuesday), at 9 p.m.

Satara Rural Development Board

Mr. D. L. Jadhav, of Kirloskarwadi, and Mrs V. S. Zirpe, of Phaltan, have been nominated as members of the District Rural Development Board of Satara.

Basic Training Advisory Committee

The Government of Bombay has appointed a Committee to go round the Graduates' Basic Training institutions and advise the Principals and their staff in the matter of organisational work. The Committee may also bring before the Board of Basic Education any matter pertaining to the Training Centres. The personnel of the Committee is Mr. S. J. Bhagwat, Acharya S. R. Bhise, Mr. Jugatram Dave, Mr. V. R. Mudholkar and Mr. K. C. Saiyidain.

MR. A. C. B. SYMON

Mr. A. C. B. Symon, Deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in New Delhi, arrived in Bombay on Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Symon, on a short visit to the city. Mr. and Mrs. Symon are the guests of the Deputy High Commissioner in Bombay and Mrs. G. V. Kitson.:

Radio

BOMBAY, Tuesday, Dec. 21.
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
7-30 a.m. Prahlad Ganu (Dilruba recital) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Prahlad Ganu (Dilruba recital) 8-45 Gokulbai Kakodkar 12-0 p.m. Akashwani Na Chotare 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Laker 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Lunch-Hour Music 4-20 School Broadcast 5-0 Leela Kelkar (Bhavgeen) 5-15 Jantar Mantar 5-45 News (K) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 R. M. Kulkarni (Kannada songs) 6-30 Sheikh Chand 6-45 Prahlad Ganu (Dilruba recital) 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 7-15 Leela Kelkar (Bhavgeeten) 7-30 Chitrapat Srishti (Film review): Talk in Marathi 7-45 Marathi Gani 7-55 Tir Nahin to Tukko 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Leela Kelkar (Bhavgeeten) 8-45 Agagade Kashi Chukal Written by late N. C. Kelkar in Marathi Featurised by Manohar Altekar 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B B C. News Relay 9-40 Anything Goes 9-45 Current events Review by L. S. Kurchedkar 10-0 Bombay Madrigal Choir 10-30 Huguette Whyte (Violonsello recital).

VARIATIONS.
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
7-40 a.m. Gujarati Geeto 5-45 p.m Madhubhai Patel (Gujarati Folk-songs) 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners
61.48 m. (4.880 kc/s)
7-45 p.m. Commercial News 8-0 Madhubhai Patel (Gujarati Folk-songs) 8-15 R. M. Kulkarni (Kannada songs) 9-0 Sheikh Chand 9-10 Wamanrao Sadolikar 10-0 Wamanrao Sadolikar 10-30 Gokulibai Kakodkar.

BARODA, Tuesday, Dec. 21.
7-30 a.m. Morning Variety (Recorded) 7-50 News (G) 8-00 News (E) 8-15 Film Music (Recorded) 8-30 As in Bombay 6 p.m. News (E) 6-10 Local Announcements 6-15 Programmes for rural areas in Gujarati relayed from Bombay 6-35 Songs with a story (Recorded) 7-00 Girdharlal Parikh (Patan) 7-20 Bhailal Barot: Flute 7-35 Rajkunvar Deshpande 7-45 Topical Talk on Music 8-00 Purshottam Shinde 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Bhailal Barot: Flute 8-45 Natak no Bharatiya Adarsha: Talk in Gujarati by Mr. Shantikumar Bhatt 9-00 News (E) 9-15 Juthika Roy (Recorded- 9-30 Air Artist 9-40 Girdharlal Parikh (Patan).

"MRS. UMA PANDYA", by Mr. V. P. Karmarkar—an exhibit in the Bombay Art Society's Exhibition.

PETROL SUPPLY PROBLEM

W. I. A. A. Submits Memorandum To Government

The Western India Automobile Association has submitted a memorandum to the Government of India asking for the appointment of a public committee of experts and business men to inquire into the petrol supply problem in India and to examine the various Government plans in relation to it.

The Association feels that India's needs in petrol were being neglected. While petrol supply was going down there had been an increase in the import of cars and trucks.

No doubt the long term plans of the Government of India were highly commendable. The Association did not consider it advisable or economical to produce petrol from coal, but it was in favour of the production of power alcohol to the maximum limit.

The Association felt that though long-term plans were fundamental to the issue, they had to be given second priority after the question of immediate supply had been tackled.

FOUR DOCK WORKERS RELEASED

BOMBAY, Monday.

Four of the eight leaders of the Bombay Dock Workers' Union detained under the Public Security Measures Act since December 6, were released today. They are Babu Bengali, Shanker Bansode, Hanumantha Kambli, and Datta Sarang All of them are Port Trust employees.

Mr. P. DeMello, General Secretary of the Union, is still under detention. A demand for his release was this evening voiced by a mass rally of dock workers at Wadi Bunder.

The workers, in a resolution asked that Mr. DeMello should be allowed to attend the sittings of the Third Conciliation Board shortly starting work here. They said none else could present their case in the dock dispute so well as he.

By another resolution, the workers requested the Port Trust authorities to absorb the 1,500 and odd workers under the Toliwalla system, now out of employment, when the two-shift system comes into force from January 1. They condemned the action of the Port Trust in recruiting fresh hands from among the refugees through a newly formed rival union.

Mr. Dinkar Desai and Mr. Waman Kulkarni addressed the meeting. They called upon the workers to be united.

Health Clinic For Women At Kherwadi

BOMBAY, Monday.

In the presence of large number of Pardah Ladies of Kherwadi members of Suburban Branch of All India Women's conference, prominent persons of the locality and social workers Mrs. Kulsum Sayani declared open a Health Clinic for Women at Kherwadi on Sunday last.

The clinic will be attended by Dr. Mathias every fortnight for antinatal and post-natal examination of pregnant women.

Government House News

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Governor of Gombay received Major-General D. S. Brar, Area Commander Rajadhiraj Shri Umaidsingh Ji, Bahadur of Shahpura and Dr. Hiralal Topiwala.

Rani Maharaj Singh attended the Annual Gathering of the Bhagini Samaj at the Sunderbai Hall.

His Excellency visited the Chess Club of India, Bombay and distributed the prizes to the winners of the Chess Tournament.

MEDICOS THREATEN HUNGER-STRIKE

Demand Cancellation Of Increase In Fees

BOMBAY, Monday.

Students of the Grant Medical College propose to go on hunger-strike somewhere about the first week of January if their demand for cancellation of the 75 per cent increase in term fees is not met.

The students have formed a Co-ordination Committee to go into the question of their hunger-strike, and the Committee will meet on Dec 25 or 26.

The hunger-trike will be undertaken by students in batches of 12 The venue of the hunger-strike and the exact date have not so far been definitely decided. But sympathetic strikes on a province-wide basis will be called for.

It is stated that Dr. Chimanlal Mehta, Secretary of the Bombay Branch of the Indian Medical Association has offered to intervene in the matter and has written to Government to this effect. His offer, it is stated, has not met with the approval of Government.

DR. BARLINGE

BOMBAY, Monday.

Dr. Barlinge, Health Minister, Central Provinces Government, who is now on a visit to Bombay, met Dr. M D. D. Gilder, Bombay's Health Minister, at the Secretariat today.

The C. P. Minister, accompanied by Dr. Gilder, visited the Podar Hospital at Worli in the afternoon.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, Dec. 20 (API): Following is the weather summary for Monday December 20 1948:

Rainfall has been widespread along and near the Coromandal coast and occurred locally in the interior of south-east Madras. A few falls of rain are also reported from south Malabar, Mysore and the East Punjab.

Night temperatures were appreciably above normal in the Peninsula outside the north Bombay Deccan.

Forecast valid until the evening of 21st:—Rainfall will occur locally in south-east Madras and south Malabar and occur at a few stations in north Malabar, Mysore, the extreme south Konkan and the south Deccan A few falls of rain or snow are likely in the hills and sub-montane districts of East Punjab.

No large change in night temperatures is expected.

WEATHER CHART

POONA, Dec. 20 (API): Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches for the past 24 hours from Dec. 1, 1948 and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours (IST) on Monday, Dec. 20, 1948:

Ahmedabad 89 62 0 0 0, Ahmednagar 82 51 0 0 minus 0.2, Allahbad 74 46 0 0 1 minus 0.2, Bombay 87 71 0 0 0, Calcutta 78 55 0 0 minus 0.1, Colombo 87 74 T 8.3 plus 4.4, Delhi 75 47 0 0 minus 0.3, Hyderabad (Dn) 84 58 0 0 minus 0.2, Lucknow 74 47 0 0 minus 0.1, Madras 84 73 0.4 1.4 minus 2.9, Mahabaleshwar 72 51 0 0 minus 0.3, Mysore 79 68 0 0 minus 0.3, Nagpur 80 50 0 0 minus 0.3, Patna 74 53 0 0 minus 0.2, Poona 84 50 0 0 minus 0.1, Sholapur 83 60 0 0 minus 0.3, Simla 45 36 0 1.1 plus 0.3, Surat 1.91 63 0 0 0.

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Wanted suitable match for fairly educated 20 years Punjabi Arora girl. Family settled in Bombay. Please correspond giving your full references to Box No. 51 "Bombay Chronicle".

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AGENTS WANTED

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Corrugated Paper Making Machine, complete with Frame and 3 H.P. Electric Motor. Inspection at Bharat Straw Board Manufacturing Co., Goregaum, (East) B.S.D. (66)

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Sale. 5 p.c. to 25 p.c. off. The seasonal sale is on at "DECORA". Lovely Czech cut & painted glassware, ivory objects of Art, Italian pottery, Chinese and Satsuma vases etc. etc. "Decora" Raval Tiles & Marble Ltd., 97A, Queen's Road, Bombay 1. (6778)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO THE MOTOR OWNERS.

OWNERS of Motor Vehicles, residing in the Bombay Region are informed that the third quarter of the financial year 1948-1949 of the Motor Vehicles Tax ends on 31-12-1948. All owners, who have paid the Tax upto 31-12-1948, should therefcre pay or remit now to the Regional Transport Office, Gymnasium Road off. Cruickshank Road, Bombay, further Tax for the last quarter ending 31-3-1949 so that it may be credited on or before 15-1-1949. Payments will be accepted on working days between 10-30 A.M. and 2-30 P.M. and on Saturdays between 10-30 A.M. and 12-30 P.M.

Cheques should be drwan in favour of the REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, BOMBAY. When the tax is paid by cheques, the tax tokens and the Registration certificates will be issued only after the cheques are encashed by the Bank. Any delay in payment of the tax due to any irregularity or otherwise will render the owner or the person in possession of motor vehicle liable to a penalty. Third-party cheques and cheques drawn on the Banks which have no clearing account with the Reserve Bank of India, will not be accepted.

ALL REMITTANCES OF TAX SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED WITH THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES AND TAX DECLARATION FORMS DULY COMPLETED.

Tax will not be accepted unless a certificate of Insurance as required under Rule 5 of the Bombay Motor Vehicles (Third-party Insurance Rules 1946) is produced at the time of payment of tax. Under this rule, the owner of a motor vehicle should at the time of payment of tax produce a valid certificate of Insurance relating to the vehicle and complying with the requirements of Chapter VIII of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939. In the case of vehicles exempted under Section 94 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, the owners should produce a certificate in the prescribed form 'C' in place of the certificate of Insurance.

Owners of motor vehicles bearing extra provincial or state registration marks should note that the fifteen days grace period does not apply to them and that the tax due should be paid on or before the expiry of the tax token, if any, issued to them. In case of new arrivals, a report of arrival of the vehicle should be submitted to the Regional Transport Officer, Bombay, in the prescribed form within seven days from the date of entering the Province.

If the tax is remitted by money order, the Money Order particulars such as the registered number of the motor vehicle, the period for which the tax is paid and the amount remitted should be mentioned in the Money order coupons and the Registration Certificate, tax declaration form and the Certificate of Insurance should be forwarded to the under signed with a covering intimation of remittance of tax by Money Order.

Owners, who desire to keep their vehicles off the road after the expiry of the current quarter should send an intimation of nonuse to the undersigned so as to reach this Office before the last day of the quarter, stating the place, where the vehicle is kept and should not remove it from such place without the prior sanction of the Registering Authority. Failure to send the intimation in time renders an owner liable to pay tax and penalty. In the case of motor vehicles in respect of which non-use intimations have been given, tax should be paid before the motor vehicles are brought into use again.

(Sd.) .....
REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER,
Bombay.

Regional Transport Office,
Gymnasium Road, off Cruckshank Road, Fort, Bombay.

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No. D/1500
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF FOOD (DIVISION II)
Office of the Chief Director of Purchase, New Delhi.

Tel.:— "PURFOOD"
Jamnagar House,
Dated the
16th December, 1948.

TENDER NOTICE

THE CHIEF DIRECTOR of Purchase, Ministry of Food, (Div. II) Jamnagar House, New Delhi, invites tenders for 5,000 tons of sugar Crystal (about 2,000 tons for stations in E.P., U.P., Bihar and West Bengal, and 3,000 tons for stations in Madras, Bombay and C.P.) of Grades 'D', 'E', 'F' in colours, Nos. 25, 26, 27 and 28.

Tender forms containing full particulars and conditions of supply may be obtained from the Chief Director of Purchase, New Delhi, on payment of Rs. 10/- (Rupees ten only) per set which should be made in cash or by money order only (cheques will not be accepted.) Tender forms are not transferable. Applications for tender forms will be received up to 30.12.48 only.

Applications not already on the list of approved contractors with the Ministry of Food, must state in their application for tender forms the name of their bankers.

(2646)

NOTICE.

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the purchase of weaving and compound rubbish from the Indian United Mills Ltd., No. 1 Mill, Nos. 2 & 3, 4 and No. 5 Mills which will be received upto 31.12.48. at the registered office, Indu House, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay. Tender Forms can be obtained from this office immediately.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SECRETARY, EAST PUNJAB PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SIMLA.

Advertisement No. 56.

INVITES APPLICATIONS on prescribed form (obtainable free) accompanied by treasury receipt or crossed postal order for Rs. 5/-, NOT LATER THAN THE 15TH JANUARY, 1949, for a temporary (for one year in the first instance) post of PHOTOGRAPHER for works on Nangal and Bhakra Projects, from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile and subjects of Kapurthala, Nabha, Faridkote, Malerkotla, Patiala, Jind and Bilaspur States. Citizens of other states which have acceded to the Indian Dominion are also eligible, but a declaration of eligibility issued by the East Punjab Government will be necessary in their case before appointment. Candidates should have 5 years experience of movie and still photography, preferably with aptitude for taking photographs from the engineering angle. Possession of diploma in photography from a recognised institution is desirable. Preference will be given to war service cnadidates. Age not less than 30 and not more than 45 years on 15-1-1949 relaxable up to the period of war service in case of War Service candidates. Pay according to qualifications and experience upto Rs. 400 - P.M. plus dearness and other allowances admissible from time to time. Government servants and Women eligible. Further particulars on application. 2656

WANTED

WANTED— An ASSISTANT ENGINEER and a SHIFT ENGINEER for Gwalior Power House. The grades of the two posts are 150-15-300 and 110-5-160 plus dearness allowance according to scale in force. Only those with experience of Water Tube Boilers and Steam Turbines need apply. Applications should reach the Manager Gwalior Electric Supply, Gwalior by 1-1-49. (2653)

THE MYSORE SPINNING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY LTD.

NOTICE OF 72ND DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors by virtue of the power vested in them under the articles of Association, have determined to pay an Interim Dividend of Rs. 2/- and a Bonus of Rs. 2/- per Ordinary Share of Rs. 50/- and a Dividend of Rs. 1/2/- (less income-tax) per 4-1 2 per cent Cumulative Preference Share of Rs. 50/- for the half year ended 31st August, 1948.

The Dividend and Bonus will be payable at the Central Bank of India Ltd., Bangalore City, on and after Monday the 7th February 1949 to those shareholders whose names stand on the Register of Members on the 17th January 1949.

The Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 17th January 1949 to 5th February 1949 (both days inclusive).

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Managing Director.

Registered Office:
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70, Forbes Street,
Fort, Bombay.
16th December, 1948. 2641

No. F/550(1)
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD (DIV. II)
Office of the Chief Director of Purchase.
New Delhi, dated 16-12-1948.

Telegrams: 'PURFOOD'

TENDER NOTICE

THE CHIEF DIRECTOR of Purchase, Ministry of Food (Div. II), Jamnagar House, New Delhi, invites tenders for the supply of 300 tons tinned milk (sweetened condensed or unsweetened evaporated) from stockists/importers for delivery by 28-2-49 in three equal instalments during January and February.

Price for tender forms etc. is Rs. 10/- (Rupees ten only) per set and is not refundable. Payment should be made in cash or by Money Order only (cheques will not be accepted) to the Chief Director of Purchase, quoting the tender No. F/550(1) as well as the Remitter's full Postal address on the coupon. In the case of telegraphic money orders unless full postal address is given Tender Forms will not be sent. Applications for tender form will be received upto 30th December, 1948.

Applicants not already on the list of approved Contractors with the Ministry of Food must state in their application for tender forms the name of their bankers.

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS are invited for two posts of Statistical Assistant in the Economic Research Section of the Indian Central Jute Committee in the scale of Rs. 150-10-350 PLUS Dearness, House rent and Calcutta Compensatory allowances as admissible to Central Government servants. The scale is likely to undergo upward revision soon.

Qualifications required: — For 1st post—At least second class M.A. in Economics with Statistics as special paper of a recognised University.

For 2nd post—At least Second class M.A. or M.Sc. in Statistics with experience in Economic Statistics.

Research experience will be additional qualification for both the posts. Applications stating age, academic qualifications, experience and copies of testimonials should reach the undersigned, on or before the 22nd January, 1949.

(Sd.) J. V. LAKHANI,
Secretary,
Indian Central Jute, Committee,
4, Hastings Street, CALCUTTA.
(2658)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY JAIL DEPARTMENT
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

TENDERS are invited from reliable architects and building contractors for preparation of plans and estimates, and on approval of plans construction of certain structural alterations including demolition of old buildings, raising storeys on existing barracks, and building structures like kitchens, Hospitals, and Factory Sheds in the Thana District Prison, Thana and Yeravda, Central Prison Poona.

2. Prospective tenderers, can, on obtaining permission from this Office, visit these Jails to inspect the sites and propose alterations and their estimated cost on obtaining the details of requirements from the Superintendents.

3. The tenderers should put up plans and estimates through the Superintendent of the Prison for the approval of this Department, the Public Works Department and Architect to Government.

4. On approval of the plans and estimates, the tenderer will construct the buildings and effect alterations and additions under direct supervision of the Public Works Department.

5. Government will help to supply all controlled articles required for the work such as steel, cement etc.

6. The work is urgent and as such plans and estimates should reach this Office by the 15th January 1949. On approval, one percent earnest money of the estimated cost should be paid into the Reserve Bank of India or nearest Government Treasury and the receipted chalan attached to the tender, which should also be accompanied by a solvency certificate or Banker's certificate of financial stability or a certificate from Public Works Department for reliability, without which the offer shall not be considered.

7. Detailed conditions regarding period etc. will be settled, when plans and estimates are finally approved.

8. Acceptance of any or lowest tender cannot be guaranteed. The right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons, rests with the undersigned.

(Sd.) T. T. KOTHAWALA,
Inspector-General of PRISONS,
Province of Bombay.

Inspector-General of Prisons' Office,
POONA, dated the 18th December 1948.

(2655)

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

THE BANK will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 25th December, 1948, that day being a Public Holiday (CHRISTMAS) under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

C. W. MIDDLETON,
Secretary & Treasurer.

Bombay, 16th December, 1948. 2659

B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY.
(M. G. System)
TENDER NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the purchase of coal ashes dropped from Locomotives and Stationary Boilers etc., in the Loco. Central Shops, Ajmer for the period from 1-4-49 to 31-3-1950.

2 Form containing detailed particulars regarding schedule, necessary conditions for submission of Tender Forms, the terms of the agreement for the contract can be had from the Office of the Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer Works) Ajmer, on payment of Rs. 2/- for the tender.

3. The tenders must reach the office of the undersigned by 12 Mid-day the 8th February 1949 and on the same day these will be opened and read out between 2 and 3 P.M. in the presence of the Tenderers or their Agents if they choose to attend.

4. Tenders by wire will not be accepted.

5. The undersigned does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender and reserves the right to accept any tender in whole or in part.

W. R. CRAIG,
Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer
(Works)
Ajmer, Dated 17th Dec. 1948. 2666

G.I.P. RAILWAY
SERVICE OF VEGETARIAN MEALS IN THALIS IN DINING CARS.

VEGETARIAN MEALS in Thalis are served in the Dining Cars on 9 Down and 10 Up Madras Mail and 35 Down and 36 Up Madras Express Trains.

One class of meal consisting of following items are served subject to the Bombay Government Food Restrictions Order.

1 Vatki of Rice
12 Puris or 6 Chappates
1 Oz Ghee
2 Varieties of Vegetables
1 Pot curd

Amti
Chatni
Papad
Achar
Bhajia
Salad.

The Charges per meal per head will be Rs. 2/-.

Service in compartments will be restricted to invalids and Purdah ladies. 2668

NOTICE.

PURCHASED HEM STORE at Parel from P. Sanjeena Shetty. If any person having any claim against should communicate to the undersigned within seven days failing which no claim shall thereafter considered.

HASOMAL THEDANI,
Proprietor, Hem Chemist
Provision Store,
Sopari Baug, Parel, Bombay. 53

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TENDER
MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES.

TENDERS are invited particularly from contractors who own their own workshops and who are borne on the approved list of M.E.S. and within whose financial limits the value of the work lies, by the Chief Engineer, Southern Command, Poona, for the supply of furniture equally in all respects to "Samples" displayed in the "Show Room" in the office of the Chief Engineer, Southern Command, Poona, and to be supplied at Poona, Bombay and Jubbulpore. The work is estimated to cost about Rs. 5,00,000/-.

Other furniture dealers, though not on the M.E.S. list but owning furniture workshops may also apply for tenders and before the tender documents are issued to them they will be required to show proof of their suitability for the work and to enlist themselves with M.E.S. as approved contractors.

The articles of furnitures required are, Dressing Dinning and Centre Tables, Chairs of various Ivors, Sofa sets, Book Cases, Chest of Drawers with Mirrors, Beds, Ward robes in the shelves, Almirahs food and mass utensils, etc. The exact number required to be supplied will be indicated in the Tender documents.

Application for tender forms must be submitted on or before 3rd January 1949 to the Chief Engineer, Southern Command, Poona. The Contractors are advised to inspect the samples reffered to above before they apply for Tender Documents.

Copies of the conditions of contract, Drawing and the samples of furniture in connection with supply would be open for inspection in the office of the Chief Engineer, Southern Command, Poona, during office hours.

Tender documents will be issued on and after 4th January, 1949.

Tender will be received on 13th January, 1949.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
(Hydraulic Engineer's Department)
TENDERS

THE HYDRAULIC ENGINEER notifies that the last date for submitting tenders for the supply of one electrically driven pumping Unit each for (1) Parel Village (2) Bhandarwada Hill Reservoir Control Room is extended from 22-12-48 to 19-1-49 at 1 P. M. (B.T.).

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B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY.
(M. G. System)
TENDER NOTICE.

1. SEPARATE SEALED TENDERS are invited for all sheds and pumping stations on the M.G. system of this Railway for the following (the period beginning from 1-4-1949 to 31-3-1950):—

(i) To collect and purchase of coal ashes dropped from Locomotives and Stationary Boilers.
(ii) Loading, unloading and stacking coal, firewood and unserviceable sleepers.

2. Forms containing detailed particulars regarding schedules for items (i) and (ii), necessary conditions for submission of Tender Forms, the terms of the Agreement for the contract can be had from the office of the Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer (Running), Ajmer on payment of Rs. 2/- for each of the above tenders.

3. The Tender must reach the office of the undersigned by 12 Mid-day on 8th Feb. 1949 and on the same day these will be opened and read out between 2 and 3 P.M. in the presence of the Tenderers or their agents if they choose to attend.

4. Tenders by wire will not be accepted.

5. The undersigned does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender and reserves the right to accept any tender in whole or in part.

W. R. CRAIG,
Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer
(Running).
Ajmer, Dated 17th Dec. 1948.
2665

B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY.
(M. G. System)
TENDER NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the supply of lime for water softeners on the M. G. System from 1-1-49 to 31-12-49.

Tender Forms containing detailed particulars regarding schedule, necessary conditions regarding submission of Tender Forms, the terms of the Agreement for the contract can be had from the office of the Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer:— (Running) Ajmer on payment of Rupees Two per form.

The Tenders must reach the office of the undersigned by 12 Mid-day on 27-12-48, and on the same day these will be opened and read out between 2 and 3 P.M. in the presence of tenderers or their agents if any choose to attend.

Sample of lime should accompany the tenders or sent direct to the Chemist and Metallurgist, Carr. and Wagon Shops, Ajmer.

Tenders by wire will not be accepted.

The undersigned does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender and reserves the right to accept any tender in whole or in part.

W. R. CRAIG.
Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer.
(Running).
Ajmer, Dated 17th Dec. 1948. 2664

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, UNITED STATE OF SAURASHTRA

APPLICATIONS are invited before 16-1-1949 for the post of DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, UNITED, STATE OF SAURASHTRA. Women are eligible. SCALE OF PAY:— Rs. 800-40-1200. QUALIFICATIONS:— M. Sc., (Agriculture) or equivalent qualifications. At least five years as head of an office or branch in Agriculture Department. Research work for not less than 3 years in Agriculture will be considered an additional qualification. Knowledge of Gujerati essential. AGE LIMIT:— Below 50 years. Saurashtra Government servants are eligible. Application form will be supplied by the Secretary, Public Service Commission, United State of Saurashtra, Rajkot, on payment of Re. 1/- in cash or on receipt of a money order receipt for Re. 1/- together with a large addressed envelope with 3½ anna stamps. 2662

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public that MULLA ABDULHUSSEIN IN MULLA NABUBHAI, MULLA ABDULLABHOY MULLA KALIMUDDIN, ABDUL TYEB MULLA KALIMUDDIN and TYEBAALI ABDULLAALY of Bombay Dawoodi Borah Muslim Inhabitants have contracted to sell to our clients the undermentioned property.

All persons having any claim interest or demand howsoever against in to or upon the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, gift, inheritance, mortgage, lease, lien, charge, trust, easement, maintenance, share possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to give notice thereof in writing to the undersigned at their office at 65, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which, the said sale will be completed without reference to any such claim interest or demand howsoever and the same, if any, shall be deemed and treated as having been waived or abandoned.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of land of Quit and Ground Rent tenure together with the messuages tenements and dwelling house, standing thereon situate, lying and being at Sindhi Lane in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay in the Island of Bombay containing by admeasurement 800 square yards or thereabouts and being part of Cadastral Survey No. 2937 of Bhuleshwar Division and Registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 5162 (part) and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under C Ward Nos. 6649, 6650 and 6651 and Street Nos. 19-21 and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East by property bearing part of C. S. No. 2937 of Bulleshwar Division belonging to the Vendors, on or towards the West by property, bearing C.S. No. 2938 of Buleshwar Division, on or towards the South by the properties bearing C.S. Nos. 2950, 2951, 2952, 2953 and 2954 of Buleshwar Division and on or towards the North by Sindhi Lane.

Dated this 20th day of December 1948.

MOHILE & PAREKH.
Purchasers Attorneys
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In the matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT VII of 1913 and
In the matter of WESTERN THEATRES LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, dated the 5th November, 1948, confirming the reduction of the Capital of the abovenamed Company from Rs. 5,00,000/- to Rs. 1,12,800 and the minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the Capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the Indian Companies Act VII of 1913, was registered by the Registrar of Companies, Bombay, on the 16th day of December, 1948. The said minute is in the words and figures following:—

"The Capital of the Company is Rs. 1,12,800/- divided into 18,800 Ordinary shares of Rs. 6/- each instead of Rs. 5,00,000/- divided into 50,000 Ordinary shares of Rs. 10/- each and at the time of registration of this minute all the said 18,800 Ordinary shares of Rs. 6/- each are issued and are deemed to be fully paid.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1948.

MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM
& MADAN
Attorneys for
Western Theatres Ltd.
(2667)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLEARED CARGOES OF THE B.P.T. DOCKS.

In accordance with Sec. 64 of the Bombay Port-Trust Act of 1879 and as from time to time amended under instructions from the marnagar, Bombay Port Trust Docks Menesse & Co., will sell by Public Auction at the undermentioned day, time and place the following unclaimed cargoes.

On TUESDAY, the 21st December, 1948 at 2 p.m. (S.T.) at Alexandra Dock "C" Warehouse.

Chemicals: Colour, Paint, Electrical Applicances, Motorcar accessories Radio P. goods, Art silk yarn, Medicine and Hospital requisites, glassware, paper, American shoes etc.

On WEDNESDAY the 22nd December 1948 at 3 p.m. (S.T.) at Hajee Bunder Port Trust Docks Gum Benjamin, Cotton seeds, Attari, Toor, Paint Rubber solution, Thinners Acetone Nitrate.

Desh Sewakas' Guard Of Honour To Pandit Nehru

GANDHINAGAR, Dec. 20. (A.P.I.): The Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, took the salute at a rally in Gandhi Nagar this morning of Congress volunteers and desh sewakas. Nearly two thousand volunteers took part in the rally.

The Prime Minister congratulated the volunteers and their G.O.C., Mr. Jai Narain Vyas, for the work done by them during the session.

Speaking on the occasion Pandit Nehru said that it was a matter of great pleasure for him to see young boys and girls go about their work in a disciplined and orderly manner. They were the architects of the new India and the sense of duty which he saw among them gave him hope for the future.

There were two types of work superior and inferior Pandit Nehru said. They might tend to attach greater importance to the former type, but they must realise that in the final analysis of this what mattered most was how the smaller or the inferior type of work was done. Of course, everyone wanted to be able to do big things but, for building a nation, smaller things should not be neglected. One should start by doing small things first and after gaining sufficient experience should go on to bigger and more important tasks.

In the political field impression had gained ground that one who could deliver long speeches was a real leader. This, Pandit Nehru, said, was wrong. What was required to make a real leader was a period of hard training in constructive work.

Sardar Patel, advised the volunteers to benefit from the experience they had gained during the Congress session. The organisation work of which they had done so much during these few days should be utilised for the good of Rajesthan. They had come to a holy place and had received a useful message. The Deputy Prime Minister hoped that they would carry that message with them to different parts of Rajesthan and spread it among the people there.

Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel left Jaipur for Delhi by air this morning.

INDIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

NEW DELHI, December 20.

The Indian Atomic Energy Commission announces that, in pursuance of its policy of encouraging the teaching of mathematics, physics and chemistry in the Indian Universities of such a type as to equip scientific workers for more advanced work and research in the problems of atomic energy, a conference will be called in Delhi in the third week of January at which the Universities and Research Institutes will be invited to send two representatives each. For this purpose, suitable draft syllabuses for the teaching of mathematics, physics and chemistry will be put before the conference for its consideration and suggestions so that the representatives of the conference themselves may help to evolve the most suitable syllabuses for Indian conditions. A provisional syllabuses in theoretical physics was drawn up recently and circulated to all Universities and the response in the way of suggestions and criticisms from the Universities has been most encouraging.

Unattached Persons In Homes And Camps

NEW DELHI, December 20.

The search service organization of the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation, Government of India, have collected data relating to unattached persons who are at present in various homes and camps in the East Punjab and certain other parts of the country. Copies of the lists of these persons have been supplied to district boards and all police stations in the East Punjab as well as to the Red Cross Provincial branches and Commandants of all refugees camps. Those interested in these persons are requested to contact either the Red Cross Welfare Officer, Search Service Bureau, Gandhi Nagar Camp, or write to the Officer-in-Charge, Displaced Persons Enquiries and Search Service, Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation, Room No. 61, P. Block, Raisina Road, New Delhi.

THREAT TO DIESEL UNDERTAKINGS

Sequel To Shortage Of Fuel Oil Supply

BOMBAY, Monday:

Presiding over the annual general meeting of the Association of Electrical Undertakings, Bombay Province, at Electric House, this evening, Mr. V. E. Noel Paton expressed grave anxiety over the critical position arising out of the shortage of fuel oil supply. He said that this constituted a great threat to diesel undertakings.

Mr. Noel Paten further observed that with the world demand of diesel oil out-running its supply they had to expect continued difficulty on that score. He hoped an effort would be made by the authorities concerned to see that adequate supplies were ensured to essential users.

Mr. Paton further protested against what he called the obnoxious electricity duty. It was an objectionable levy, the revenue from which was out of all proportion to the regressive effects it had on the spread of electricity usage.

The speaker further revealed that those who distributed power from the Tata Hydro System were faced with frozen development in the coming months, and even a cut in the existing power supply was not unlikely. The Association had drawn Government's attention to the seriousness of the existing situation and had impressed on them the advisability of consulting the Association before any scheme to reduce power supply was drawn up.

The annual report together with the audited statement of accounts was adopted unanimously at the meeting.

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'FOREIGN LOVE' Saturated?

Since last many years I suffered from High Blood Pressure; andI due to that I was severely pained with headache now and then. Sometimes I lost my conciousness. My eyesight also became slurred. I lost my temper over insignificant matters. Hair complains went on increasing (such as Hair falling, Hair becoming short, Hair becoming Grey prematurely). My sleep was disturbed by the nightmares late at night. The most outstanding complaint was that of mind and hair. All these complaints were removed by the use of "RAMTIRTH BRAHMI OIL" (Special No. 1). of Ramtirth Yogashram, Bombay 4. Before using this oil I very much relied on Foreign Oils. But lately I have develop liking for Indian oils, solely because my experiences as Foreign Oils have proved worthless. It is my genuine opinion that the "RAMTIRTH BRAHMI OIL" is advantageous in many respects.

(Sd). Miss Premlata Harshadkumar Diwan, Madras.

Dutch Aggression Shocks World Conscience

NEHRU'S REACTION HITS BR. PRESS HEADLINES

"Flagrant Violation Of Renville Agreement"

SECURITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS FOR WANT OF QUORUM

BATAVIA, Dec. 20, (Reuter): Dutch troops, operating behind a curtain of censorship, tonight claimed advances on widely spread fronts in Java and Sumatra in a tersely worded "communique".

Since the Dutch imposed press censorship at the beginning of their "police action" against the Indonesian Republic on Saturday night virtually the only operational news from the interior has come from Dutch army headquarters.

It was understood that Dutch ground forces might have linked with the paratroops, though no official disclosures were made. Important operational news was, however, promised tomorrow.

DUTCH MARINES ADVANCE

Tonight's 'communique' said that Dutch marines had reached the outskirts of the important oil centre of Tjepoe, forty miles inland for Toeban or the east Java coast where they landed yesterday.

In East Java, Dutch troops striking south east from the garrison town of Malang had reached Toeren, fifteen miles, away.

In West Sumatra, the Dutch objective appeared to be Boiekittinggi, the Republican capital. According to the 'communique', forces driving through the rice and coffee districts from the Port of Padag were within 47 miles of the city.

U. N. COMMITTEE ACCUSE DUTCH

BATAVIA, December 20 (Reuter): The United Nations Good Offices Committee in war-torn Java charged the Dutch today with breaking the eleven months old Renville Truce agreement by their military campaign launched on Saturday against the Indonesian Republic.

The Committee reported to the Security Council that Article 10 of the Agreement, providing that both the Committee and the "other party" must be notified of the ending of the truce had not been fulfilled.

The Dutch communication came too late to notify the Committee members in Central Java and as far as known no official notification reached the Republican capital of Jogjakarta before hostilities began.

The letter, announcing the Dutch decision not to be bound by the truce after midnight on Saturday, was handed to Mr. Merle Cochran, United States Committee member, in Batavia at 11-30 P.M. (local time)— half an hour before telegraph communication with Central Java was suspended. The Republican authority in Batavia received its communication 15 minutes later.

NOTICE OF REPUDIATION NOT GIVEN

The United Nations Secretariat in Batavia had tried vainly to transmit the text of the Dutch letter to the Committee Members stranded by hostilities at Kaliurang near Jogjakarta with twelve of the Committee's staff.

"It will be clear from the foregoing that no notice of the repudiation by the Netherlands of the Renville Truce has reached the Good Offices Committee as a whole" the report said.

"Similarly, as far as is known, no notice of repudiation of the Truce agreement reached the Government of the Indonesian Republic in Jogjakarta."

The Renville Agreement binding the Dutch and Indonesian Republic to a truce was signed aboard the United States Naval Transport 'Renville' last January 17.

Jogjakarta and most Republican leaders, including the President and the Prime Minister, were held today by Dutch air borne troops.

SCORCHED EARTH POLICY

In Singapore today, Indonesian Republicans threatened a scorched earth policy in Indonesia which would "bring chaos to the whole country."

Dr. Octo Yo, Indonesian Republican Representative in Singapore and Dr. Sodarsono Representative in India, declared jointly that it would take the Dutch two years to gain results from their "second colonial war".

COMMUNIST BOGEY RAISED

Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. D. W Stikker, told America in a broadcast today that the Dutch had acted 'not to crush Indonesian freedom but to clear the road for its triumph.

"Communist elements exist in

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Western Allies' Plans Upset

LONDON, Dec. 20 (UPI): White Hall opinion was today sharply critical of the Dutch action in Indonesia as ill-timed and likely to encourage Communist activity all over the Pacific.

There is also a general fear that the Dutch move will endanger all plans for economic and military co-operation in the Far East which is now stated to be under consideration of the Western allies. It is apprehended that the present unrest will only strengthen the Communist influence and there is no hope of co-operation between the Dutch and Indonesians so long as the trouble lasts.

It is understood that the British representative in the Security Council, Sir Alexander Cadogan, has already been instructed to stress this fact firmly on the Dutch delegates at the Council.

NEHRU'S WARNING HITS HEADLINES

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter): The Dutch action in Indonesia and Indian Prime Minister Pandit Nehru's warning that Indians could not remain "idle spectators" made the main news story in the Communist "Daily Worker" today.

The report appeared under a seven column-wide headline, "Dutch attack angers Indians". A Sub-headline ran, "We cannot be spectators, says Nehru".

Pride of place in the story was given to Pandit Nehru's statement to the Indian National Congress at Jaipur.

All Asia v. West

A "New York Times" editorial said the Netherlands Government had unilaterally abrogated all previous agreements" and has taken recourse to arms to impose its own solution on the nationally most conscious part of Indonesia".

The newspaper said there were many reasons to question the action. "The issue", it added "transcends any rival claims or charges and involves not only future relations between Netherlands and the East Indies but also between all Asia and the West.

"On a solution of this issue or lack of it—will depend both the future of the course of events in Asia and the fact of Western Europe".

ARAB LEAGUE V. KING ABDULLAH

Drastic Action Threat If He Moves For Kingship Of Palestine

CAIRO, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The Egyptian Press today quoted Cairo Political quarters as saying that if King Abdullah of Transjordan persisted in his plan to proclaim himself King of Arab Palestine and Transjordan "drastic action might be taken by the Arab League."

This might include the withdrawal of the League's annual subsidy of £70,000, the same sources said.

The newspapers also published reports from Amman that an Iraqi Mission had failed to persuade King Abdullah to renounce his scheme. The delegation were said however, to have convinced King Abdullah "to leave the question in abeyance for the time being."

R. S. S. MOVEMENT FIZZLING OUT

LUCKNOW, Dec. 20 (API): The R. S. S. Movement has fizzled out in the United Provinces and according to reports received so far not more than two dozen arrests were made in the Province yesterday (Sunday), a spokesman of the Provincial Government said in an interview here today.

The Government spokesman said that about 5,500 persons had been arrested in the Province during the last 12 days when the Sangh came into open defiance of the ban imposed on it. Of these about 800 persons were released on giving undertakings that in future they would have no connection with the R.S.S. About 2,000 persons were convicted to various terms of imprisonment.

KALYAN: 87 R.S.S. volunteers who offered Satyagraha at Kalyan, Ambernath and Dombivli and were arrested by the police were all sentenced to three months rigorous imprisonment.

The fourth batch of 27 R.S.S. workers who offered Satyagraha on Sunday at Kalyan were put under arrest.

The spirit amongst the R.S.S. workers is slowly and gradually dying down as they see things before them and not even a single public man got sympathy with the R.S.S. workers and with their Satyagraha movement as some others say it is meaningless to offer Satyagraha. The R.S.S. workers are losing sympathy even from their own people.

BOMBAY: The total number of arrests of R. S. S. volunteers in the city and suburbs since the "satyagraha" was launched on December 9 in defiance of the ban imposed by Government on their organisation has come to 1131 including 65 taken into custody today.

26 R.S.S. volunteers have been detained without trial under the pubtained without trial under the Public Security Measures Act, since December 9, it is learnt.

JULLUNDUR: 25 R.S.S. volunteers were arrested yesterday in Jullundur for defying the District Magistrate's order banning processions.

NAGPUR: 36 R.S.S. workers were arrested here during the last two days for attempting to take out processions in defiance of the ban on holding meetings and forming processions. This brings the total numbers of arrests of R.S.S. workers in Nagpur to 400 since December 9.

PATIALA: According to reports received here 419 R.S.S. workers have been arrested in Patiala and East Punjab states' Union. This includes Patiala 165, Nabha 30, Bassi 15, Rajpur 5, Bhatinda 100, Barnala 35, Malerkotla 40, Sangpur 12, Jind 7 and Sunam 10.

"SKETCH FOR A HEROIC MONUMENT TO GANDHIJI", by Mr. N. G. Pansare—an exhibit in the Bombay Art Society's Exhibition.

DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES AXED

But No Cut In Current Year's Budget

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20

The Priority Committee is believed to have revised its earlier decision to have a straight cut of thirty-three and one-third per cent in all revenue and capital expenditures on development schemes for the current year and 1949-50.

According to the revised decision, there will be no cut on the current year's budgeted expenditure. There are two views. One view is that actual saving in expenditure may be more than thirty-three and one-third per cent as many of the development plans have not yet been started. The other view is that departments would undertake hurried spendings and even save indulging in wasteful and avoidable expenditure in order to save grants budgeted for from lapsing. How the Finance Ministry would prevent such spending is not yet clear. As for the next year, the cut may be deeper than thirty-three and one-third per cent, additional reduction being thirty-three and one-third percent of remainder. Supposing the original demand of the department was three hundred crores, by the original decision it would have been reduced by one-third to two hundred crores. By the latest decision this two hundred crores would be further reduced by one-third leaving one hundred and thirty-three and one-third crores for 1949-50.

TELEGRAPHISTS' GRAND RECORD

(By G. N. ACHARYA, Our Special Representative.)

GANDHINAGAR, Dec. 20.

During the last five days beginning from the 15th the Gandhinagar telegraph office put out a total of over two lakhs and eighty thousand words to all parts of India. Of this about 50,000 were of private telegrams and the rest of the traffic was for the Press.

Besides this there were in the camp here two news agencies operating their own independent lines, nor can trunk telephone messages be counted as negligible.

CHOLERA GERMS IN NIRA?

POONA, Dec. 18 (API): The District Magistrate of Poona in a press note says "The Director of Public Health report that cholera germs were isolated from the stools of patients who were alleged to have fallen ill after drinking nira. Further investigations as regards the possible source of contamination of the nira by cholera germs were in progress."

Fire Aboard Oil Ship

BOMBAY, Monday

A minor fire broke out in an oil ship stationed at shed No. 20 at Alexandra Docks this evening, but the fire was brought down immediately by the fire brigade rushed to the spot.

No damage to the property or loss of life is reported in the fire incident.

NEW CONGRESS CABINET

Madras Minister To Become General Secretary?

(By G. N. Acharya, Our Special Representative)

GANDHINAGAR, Dec. 20.

While Gandhinagar, the city of huts whose foundation was laid only on October 2 and whose brief life reached its climax during the last four days, is rapidly emptying and will soon return to the desert, speculation is rife here about the personnel of the next Congress Working Committee. But the task of the President constituting his Committee is somewhat easier this time because the strength of the Committee is now increased to 21. Therefore the problem of replacement hardly arises, with perhaps the solitary exception of Acharya Jugal Kishore who may cease to be the General Secretary.

There is an insistent demand for representation in the Committee to the State areas and also for better representation in the Committee to South India. In this connection I learn that Jainarain Vyas, the present Chief Minister of Jodhpur and the G.O.C. of the Congress session is almost certain to be included in the Working Committee. Another runner, who seems pretty certain of inclusion is Mr. Nijalingappa, President of the Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee. A third name, prominently mentioned for inclusion, is that of Kala Venkatrao at present Revenue Minister to the Government of Madras, who may possibly become one of the General Secretaries of the Congress, in which case of course he will have to resign his ministership.

The personnel of the Committee will only be announced from Delhi—whether the President left tonight—before he leaves for Burma at the head of a Goodwill Delegation to that country.

Holland's Memorandum To Security Council

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Holland sent a memorandum to the United Nations Security Council today outlining her reasons for taking "the appropriate measures to re-establish peace and security in Indonesia" Mr. Jan Herman Van Royen, leading Dutch delegate to the United Nations and Dutch Ambassador to Canada, handed the memorandum to Mr. Fernand van Langhove, Belgian Chairman of the Council.

Sun Fo Forms Cabinet For Peace Talks

CHIANG'S PLAN TO HOLD LINE OF YANGTSE

Four-Hour Battle Rages Outside Peiping

NANKING, December 20, (Reuter): Dr. Sun Fo today announced the formation of a new Cabinet to govern China based "on the determination to fight on until an honourable peace can be secured."

NEW CABINET

"This cabinet is not going to surrender outright, as some have suggested" the Premier told correspondents. "that would be scuttling the anti-Communist fight. China would then become a second Poland or Czechoslovakia."

Dr. Sun said Dr. Wu Teh-Chen, Kuomintang Secretary-General would be Vice-Premier and temporary Foreign Minister. General Chang Chun, Dr. Chen Li-Fu, Gen Chang Chi-Chung and Dr. Wong Wen-Hao had accepted posts as Ministers without portfolio.

MOVE FOR ALL-PARTY SET-UP

"I intend to include all sections of opinion within the Kuomintang and as many as I could from outside the party" Dr. Sun added.

Asked what would be the terms of compromise between the opposing political groups, he said these would have to be discussed.

Names of Ministers were being submitted to Generalissimo Chiang tonight, and would probably be announced tomorrow, he said.

CHIANG'S NEW PLAN

NANKING, Dec. 20, (Reuter): Generallissimo Chiang has approved a new plan to hold the line of the Yangtse river from the remote western province of Szechwan to the sea, usually reliable sources in Nanking reported today as Communist forces fought their way to the outskirts of Tientsin and Peiping.

They added that the plan, calling for a defence line along about 1,500 miles of the river course would involve a twenty mile advance of all existing defences on the north bank.

This plan became known as the situation in the Honan-Hupei region was reported to be worsening.

NEW THREAT TO NANKING

On the Grand Canal, the Government regional headquarters at Chinkiang have withdrawn to the South

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SILAM IN TONGA ACCIDENT

Brought From Jaipur In Chartered Plane

BOMBAY, Monday:

Mr. S. L. Silam, General Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, who had been to Jaipur to attend the Congress session, was seriously injured on Sunday night and brought this evening by a chartered plane from Jaipur to Bombay. From Santa Cruz Airport, he was taken in the Congress Ambulance Car straight to Sir Harkisondas Hospital at Charni Road, where he is detained as an indoor patient.

Mr. Silam sustained serious fracture on his right leg while alighting from a tonga at Gandhinagar on Saturday night. He was then immediately removed to the Jaipur State Hospital, where he was given first aid treatment. He was treated at the State hospital for two days and brought to Bombay today.

Mr. K. M. Munshi and Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, Mr. Nathalal Parekh and Mr. Bimal Sharma, who had all been to Jaipur to attend the Congress session, accompanied Mr. Silam and rendered all possible help to him during his flight to Bombay.

A reporter of the "Bombay Chronicle", who called on Mr. Silam at Sir Harkisondas Hospital tonight, found him quite cheerful and fit though he complained of weakness and fatigue, because of the strain he had undergone after his injury. Mr. Silam is to be operated on Friday by a well-known surgeon of Bombay and he hoped to recover rapidly and be fit soon to do his work at the B.P.C.C. Office.

Smiling gaily, Mr. Silam said the Congress session was a great success, although "utter confusion prevailed at Gandhinagar."

PRIME MINISTER AT DELHI

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (API).—The Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel returned to Delhi this morning from Jaipur.

Bombay M.L.C. Dead

HUBLI, Dec. 20 (API).—Death has occurred due to heart failure at Dharwar yesterday afternoon of Mr. Narasinga Rao Desai, M.L.C., Bombay, at the age of 76.

Norway's First Envoy To India

OSLO, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Jens Ochive, Director of the Press Department of the Norwegian Foreign Office, has been appointed Norway's first Minister to India.

S. I. R. Workers' Union To Be Disaffiliated

MADRAS, Dec. 20 (API): The Provincial Board of the Indian National Trade Union Congress, Madras, resolved at its meeting today to disaffiliate the South Indian Railway Workers' Union in view of its decision to go against the direction of the INTUC with regard to the All India Railwaymens strike issue.

Italian Strike

ROME, Dec. 20 (Reuter): Italy's 24 hour strike today of civil servants and communications staff called at midnight by the 6,000,000 strong Communist controlled Italian "TUC" was only partially successful.

NEW MUFTI FOR JERUSALEM

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (Reuter): King Abdullah of Transjordan today appointed Sheikh Hussan Meddin Jarallah, former Chief Justice of Moslem Religious Courts in Palestine, to replace Haj Amin El Husseini as Mufti of Jerusalem. Sheikh Jarallah has been a prominent political opponent of the Mufti for a long time.

ENEMY REVERSES IN KASHMIR

Indian Troops Occupy Salhotri Ridge: Arms And Ammunition Captured

POONCH, Dec. 15. (A.P.I.). (Delayed): The Indian garrison at Poonch, has driven the enemy out of the strategic Salhotri ridge, seven miles southwest and has also forced enemy guns and mortars from the vicinity of Poonch rendering them out of range, writes an A.P.I. Special Correspondent.

The entire Poonch City, including the airship which was the main target of enemy shelling, is now completely safe. After a complete break for over two months, the first aircraft to make a test landing on the Poonch airfield was a Howard under fighter cover on Dec. 2, which was followed up by a Dakota, the next day, for carrying casualties.

Salhotri ridge, was the forward headquarters of an enemy brigade which operated in this area and was also the strategic high point from which the enemy observaion post directed and controlled the shelling of R.I.A.F. planes and the Poonch airfield, with the capture of this 7,000 feet high hill feature, Indian troops are now overlooking a vast tract of territory surrounding it which has compelled the enemy to withdraw his guns to a safer place to the rear. This withdrawal of enemy guns has made them out of range for Poonch and the thousands of refugees in the city can now move about without the fear of enemy shells.

Giving the details of the operation leading to the capture of Salhotri ridge which greatly eased Poonch the dispatch says that soon after the link up, Brigadier Pritham Singh Commander of te garrison there, realised that, the first thing for them to do was to drive the enemy guns from the proximity to enable safe landing of Dakotas to bring supplies for the garrison which for long had been running short of them. To achieve this, Gurkha troops in Poonch who were defending it for a year, "made a surprise sweep on the night of Nov. 24.

Moving out of Poonch at 7 p.m. the same night, the troops walked for over five hours to Salhotri and after a three hour bitter battle charged the enemy amidst a shower of shells and secured the objective by 2-30 in the morning of Nov. 25.

According to frontline reports, the enemy in this operation suffered 50 killed and wounded. One junior commissioned officer was captured and is now under treatment for injuries sustaining during the action. Enemy material captured by our troops included 4,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, some parts of light machine-guns, a few 4.2 inch mortar ammunition, 40 plastic explosives and 25,000 maunds of foodgrains.

After mopping up, the entire rear Indian troops are now well entrenched in the feature and are dominating the main Kotli-Mendhar-Poonch road, used by the enemy to rush reinforcements and supplies to his troops which had surrounded Poonch.

U. N. COMMISSION MEET NEHRU

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20, (A. P. I.): Dr. Alfredo Lozano, member of the United Nations Kashmir Commission and Mr. Eric Colban, representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the Kashmir Commission, met the Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on his return from Jaipur today.

Sir N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, and Sir Girja Shanker Bajpai, Secretary-General, External Affairs Ministry, were also present at the meeting.

FOR KARACHI.

No indication of the nature of their talks is available here at present but it is learnt that Dr. Lozano is planning to leave for Karachi either on Wednesday or Thursday next for consultations with the Pakistan Government.

WILL NEHRU'S VISIT BRING ABOUT CHANGE IN HYDERABAD'S STATUS

Nizam's Capital Plans Rousing Reception To India's Prime Minister

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 20 (API).—A general belief is persisting here that following Pandit Nehru's visit, some important change in the political status of the State may be expected, although it is agreed in all quarters that Pandit Nehru will not take any decision until he studies conditions in the State for himself and has had time to return to Delhi and consult his advisers and colleagues of the Cabinet.

CHANGE IN POLITICAL STATUS

Enthusiastic preparations are going ahead to give Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru a fitting reception during his visit to the State capital on Dec. 24. A Representative Reception Committee has been formed by the Military Governor on non-party lines to be in charge of all arrangements. The Secunderabad Municipality has sanctioned an expenditure of Rs. 10,000 for decorations for a civic welcome.

LUNCH WITH NIZAM

One of the first engagements of the Prime Minister will be an official exchange of visits with H.E.H. the Nizam, but the Prime Minister will, it is expected, have an opportunity of exchanging views with the Nizam at an informal luncheon

SUNDER LAL TO REPORT TO NEHRU

A three-man delegation led by Pandit Sunder Lal, which visited the State and made an extensive tour in all the villages, left yesterday for Delhi Pandit Sunder Lal is expected to submit a report to Pandit Nehru on his return on the conditions in the State.

NEHRU TO RECEIVE LL.D.

The degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D. will be conferred by the Osmania University on Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India at the special Convocation of the University on December 26.